

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MINUTES

DECEMBER 2, 2004

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BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, December 2, 2004

Chairman Bill Busbice presiding.

Earl King
Henry Mouton
Wayne Sagrera
Robert Samanie, III
Jerry Stone

Secretary Dwight Landreneau was also present.

Commissioner Terry Denmon was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **November 4, 2004 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Samanie and seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. The motion passed with no opposition.

Under **Commission Special Announcements** for this month, Commissioner Mouton **Announced Time Change for Meetings** beginning with the January Meeting would be 9:30 AM. He then asked for a **Date Change for January 2005 Meeting** back to Wednesday, January 5. Chairman Busbice asked if a motion was needed to change the date. Mr. Don Puckett felt a motion would be appropriate. Commissioner Stone asked if it would be okay to have the meeting on Tuesday, January 4. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to move the January 2005 Meeting to Tuesday, January 4 at 9:30 a.m. in Baton Rouge Headquarters Building. Commissioner King seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for November** began with Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze stating he would like to change the format of reporting by giving the totals for the month and then reviewing other important information. Commissioner Stone stated he was good with the change adding he would like to hear about an outstanding case each month. Lt. Col. LaCaze stated there were 1,254 citations issued, 193 warnings were written and agents participated in 51 public assist cases. The Aviation Report for November 2004 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 33.0 hours for enforcement and 71.5 hours for other divisions. The main activity for the month was the managed hunts on the Wildlife Management Areas during the Thanksgiving weekend. Prior to the weekend hunts, meetings were held across the state with Wildlife and Enforcement

Division employees so the best quality experience could be provided on the WMAs. On the WMAs for November, there were 387 citations issued and 88 written warnings. Lt. Col. LaCaze reported there were no hunting accidents or fatalities during the weekend. The total number of public contacts on WMAs would be distributed as soon as it was available. Then he stated several News Releases indicated their prime activity was with deer (night hunting complaints, over the limit cases and illegal weapons) and a little on waterfowl. The Division was interviewing candidates for the next academy class which would begin in January. There were 18 individuals for the class which would be placed throughout the State. Commissioner Sagrera asked what was the usual size for an academy class? Lt. Col. LaCaze stated the average size class is about 20. Commissioner Stone asked about several strange birds confiscated and listed in the report, such as a marbled godwit, greater yellowlegs, willets and short-billed dowitchers. Lt. Col. LaCaze felt they may have been shot due to boredom.

Rule Ratification - 2005 Turkey Season was handled by Mr. Dave Moreland. He reported there was very little public comment on the proposed dates. Season dates for Area A season will run from March 25 through April 24; Area B is set for March 25 through April 17; and Area C would have March 25 through April 3. The statewide youth hunt on private lands would be the weekend of March 19 and 20. The daily limit is one gobbler and two for the season. Chairman Busbice asked what area would the Feliciana be in? Mr. Moreland stated it was Area A, which was one of the largest areas and it was reported to have low productivity for the past spring. Commissioner Stone felt the rain may have impacted that. Mr. Moreland stated it was a combination of factors such as landscape changes, disease problems and poor nesting success. A research study with LSU may develop to find out potential problems in the area. He then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Hearing no public comments, Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

December 2, 2004

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, December 2, 2004.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish a hunting season in 2005 for turkeys, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of wild turkeys and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of wild turkeys are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as a Rule.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend the turkey rules and regulations for the 2005 season.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§113. Turkey Hunting Regulations

A. Daily limit is one gobbler, two gobblers per season. Taking of hen turkeys, including bearded hens, is illegal. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited.

B. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

C. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

D. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

E. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries strongly discourages feeding agricultural grains to wild turkeys as this practice increases the risk of birds contracting potentially lethal diseases. Repeatedly placing grain in the same area may expose otherwise healthy birds to disease contaminated soils, grain containing lethal toxins and other diseased turkeys using the same feeding site. Properly distributed food plots (clovers, wheat, millet and chufa) are far more desirable for turkeys and have the added benefit of appealing to a wide variety of wildlife.

F. It is unlawful to take from the wild or possess in captivity any live wild turkeys or their eggs. No pen raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

G. All licensed turkey hunters are required to have a Turkey Stamp in their possession while turkey hunting in addition to basic and big game hunting licenses. Additionally, a WMA Hunting Permit is required of any person (age 18-59) who hunts on land administered by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, including Wildlife Management Areas, Wildlife Refuges, and Habitat Conservation Areas.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2263 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2375 (November 2002), LR 29:2512 (November 2003), LR 30: (December 2004).

§115. Statewide Turkey Hunting Areas-Resident Game Birds and Animals

A. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Turkey	See Schedule	1	2/Season

B. Turkey season will open in designated areas on the fourth Saturday in March. The Area A turkey season will be 30 consecutive days in length, the Area B turkey season will be 23 consecutive days in length, and the Area C turkey season will be 9 consecutive days in length. Wildlife Management Areas, National Forests, National Wildlife Refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land may vary from this framework. Deviation from this framework may occur in those years when the fourth Saturday in March falls the day before Easter.

C. Statewide Youth Turkey Season on private lands shall be the weekend prior to the statewide turkey season. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. Youth must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm or bow. Youths may possess only one firearm or bow while hunting. Legal weapons and shot are the same as described for the turkey season. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Only one gobbler per day may be taken and any gobbler taken by the youth during this special season counts towards their seasonal bag limit of 2.

D. 2005 Turkey Hunting Schedule

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 25 - April 24
B	March 25 - April 17
C	March 25 - April 3
Private Lands Youth Hunt	March 19 - 20

E. 2005 Turkey Hunting Season - Open Only in the Following Areas

1. Area A - March 25 - April 24

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Beauregard;
- ii. East Baton Rouge;

- iii. East Feliciana;
- iv. LaSalle;
- v. Livingston;
- vi. Natchitoches (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);
- vii. Sabine;
- viii. St. Helena;
- ix. St. Tammany;
- x. Tangipahoa;
- xi. Vernon (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);
- xii. Washington;
- xiii. West Baton Rouge;
- xiv. West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

- xv. Winn (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

- i. Allen: North of LA 104, west of LA 26 south of junction of LA 104 to US 190, north of US 190 east of Kinder, west of US 165 south of Kinder;

- ii. Avoyelles: That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by LA 452 from Brouillette to LA 1, on the south by LA 1, eastward to Hamburg, thence by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection levee southward;

- iii. Calcasieu: North of I-10;

- iv. Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line;

- v. Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to LA 559 at Duty Ferry, north of LA 559 to LA 124, south and west of LA 124 from Duty Ferry to LA 8 at Harrisonburg and

north and west of LA 8 to LaSalle Parish line. ALSO that portion lying east of LA 15;

vi. Concordia: That portion east of LA 15 and west of US 65 from its juncture with LA 15 at Clayton;

vii. Evangeline: North and west of LA 115, north of LA 106 from St. Landry to LA 13, west of LA 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of LA 104 west of Mamou;

viii. Franklin: That portion lying east of LA 17 and east of LA 15 from its juncture with LA 17 at Winnsboro;

ix. Grant: All of the parish except that portion of land that lies north of the Red River between US 71 and LA 8. Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates;

x. Iberville: West of LA 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xi. Jefferson Davis: North of US 190 from junction with LA 26 to Kinder, west of US 165 and north of I-10 west from junction of US 165;

xii. Madison: That portion lying east of US 65 from East Carroll Parish line to US 80 and south of US 80. Also, all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

xiii. Pointe Coupee: All of the parish except that portion bounded on the north by LA Hwy. 1, from Innis to the junction of LA Hwy 417, on the west by LA Hwy. 417 southward toward McCrea, on the south by LA Hwy. 417 from McCrea to its junction with Delhi Lane, then by Delhi Lane to LA Hwy. 418, then LA Hwy. 418 northward to LA Hwy. 1 at Innis. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

xiv. Rapides: All of the parish except that portion of lands that lies north of the Red River and south of US 71 from its juncture with the Red River northward to the Grant Parish line. Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest season dates;

xv. Richland: That portion south of US 80 and east of LA 17;

xvi. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and on the east by the Atchafalaya River. EXCEPTION: the Indian Bayou Area, see Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Indian Bayou Area dates;

xvii. Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTIONS: Sherburne WMA and Indian Bayou Area, see WMA Turkey Hunting Schedule for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne WMA boundaries and see Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Indian Bayou dates;

xviii. Tensas: That portion west of US 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with LA 128, north of LA 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

2. Area B - March 25 - April 17

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville;

ii. Bossier;

iii. Caddo;

iv. Claiborne (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);

v. DeSoto;

vi. Jackson;

vii. Lincoln;

viii. Red River;

ix. Union;

x. Webster (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River;

ii. East Carroll: East of US 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;

iii. Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River;

iv. Ouachita: East of LA 143 from Union Parish line to US 80 in West Monroe, north of US 80 to LA 139, west of LA 139 to the Morehouse Parish line;

v. Morehouse: West of US 165 from the Arkansas line to Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to US 165, north of US 165 to LA 139, west of LA 139 to Ouachita Parish line;

3. Area C - March 25 - April 3

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Catahoula: That portion lying south of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, west and north of LA 8 to LA 15, west of LA 15 to Deer Creek;

ii. Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to US 84, south of US 84 eastward to LA 15 (Ferriday), east of LA 15 northward to US 65 (Clayton), east of US 65 northward to Tensas Parish line;

iii. Franklin: That portion lying west of LA 17, from Richland Parish line to LA 577 at Crowville, north of LA 577 to LA 15 at Baskin, east of LA 15 to Big Creek, and south and east of Big Creek to Richland Parish line. Also, that portion east of Turkey Creek Lake, Turkey Creek and Boeuf River, north of Deer Creek, west of LA 15 and south of LA 562;

iv. Richland: West of LA 17 from Franklin Parish line to Ringle Rd., south of Ringle Rd. to Ferguson Rd., south of Ferguson Rd. to Little Rd., south of Little Rd. to Big Creek, east of Big Creek to Franklin Parish line;

v. Tensas: East and south of US 65 from Concordia Parish line to LA 128, south of LA 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2264 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2376 (November 2002), LR 29:2513 (November 2003), LR 30: (December 2004).

§117. 2005 Wildlife Management Area Turkey - Hunting Regulations

A. General

1. The following rules and regulations concerning management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject the individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

2. Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed are open to turkey hunting.

3. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT in designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM. All roads including trails and roads designated as ATV only trails shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through August 31 unless otherwise specified. ATV off-road or off-trail travel is prohibited. Certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes. These trails will be marked by signs at the entrance of the trail. Otherwise, only walk-in hunting is permitted (bicycles permitted).

4. Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. Only one turkey is allowed to be taken during special lottery hunts.

B. Permits

1. Self-Clearing Permits: All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing. Hunters must check in daily by obtaining a permit from a self-clearing station prior to hunting. The self-clearing permit must be in the hunter's possession while hunting. Upon completion of each days hunt, the hunter must check out by completing and depositing the hunter report portion of the permit in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

2. Lottery Hunts: Bayou Macon, Boise-Vernon, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Sherburne, Sicily Island, Tunica Hills, Union and West Bay WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Special youth only lottery hunts will be held on Big Lake, Bens Creek, Fort Polk/Peason Ridge, Jackson-Bienville, Loggy Bayou, Sherburne, Union and West Bay WMAs. Deadline for receiving applications for all lottery hunts is February 15, 2005. An application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any district office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Youths chosen for special youth only hunts will be guided by members of the Louisiana Chapter of the

National Wild Turkey Federation. One family member may accompany the youth and guide, but may not hunt.

C. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates**
Bayou Macon	April 9-10	Self-Clearing	April 9-10
Bens Creek ¹	March 25-April 17	Self-Clearing	None
Big Lake	March 25-April 3	Self-Clearing	None
Bodcau	March 25-April 10	Self-Clearing	None
Boeuf	March 25-April 3	Self-Clearing	None
Boise	March 25-27	Self-Clearing	March 25-27
Vernon	April 2-24		April 2-3
Camp Beauregard	March 25-April 10	Self-Clearing	None
Fort Polk	March 25-April 24	Self-Clearing	None
Grassy Lake	March 25-April 10	Self-Clearing	None
Hutchinson Creek	March 25-April 24	Self-Clearing	None
Jackson-Bienville	March 25-April 10	Self-Clearing	None
Lake Ramsey	March 25-April 10	Self-Clearing	None
Little River	March 25-April 10	Self-Clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 16-17	Self-Clearing	April 16-17
Pearl River	March 25-April 17	Self-Clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 25-April 24	Self-Clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 25-April 10	Self-Clearing	None
Red River	March 25-April 3	Self-Clearing	None
Sabine	March 25-27 April 2-3	Self-Clearing	March 25-27 April 2-3
Sandy Hollow ¹	March 25-April 17	Self-Clearing	None
Sherburne ²	March 25-April 3	Self-Clearing	March 25-27 March 28-30
Sicily Island	March 25-April 3	Self-Clearing	March 25-28 March 29-31 April 1-3
Three Rivers	March 25-April 3	Self-Clearing	None
Tunica Hills South Tract	March 25-27 April 2-3 April 9-10 April 11-17	Self-Clearing	March 25-27 April 2-3 April 9-10
Tunica Hills Angola	March 25-27 April 2-3 April 9-10	Self-Clearing	March 25-27 April 2-3 April 9-10

Tract ³	April 11-17		
Union	April 9-10	Self-Clearing	April 9-10
Walnut Hills	March 25-April 24	Self-Clearing	None
West Bay	March 25-27 April 2-3	Self-Clearing	March 25-27 April 2-3

*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are closed.

**The deadline for receiving applications for all turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is February 15, 2005.

¹No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

²All turkeys harvested on Sherburne WMA must be weighed and checked at WMA headquarters.

³Scouting access limited. Contact Region 7 office for details (225) 765-2360.

D. Wildlife Management Area Youth Hunts

WMA	Lottery Youth Hunt Date
Bens Creek	March 19
Big Lake	March 19
Fort Polk/Peason Ridge	March 19
Jackson-Bienville	March 19
Loggy Bayou	April 9
Sherburne	March 19
Union	April 2
West Bay	March 19

E. Federal Lands Turkey Hunting Schedule

1. Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) turkey hunting schedule: Caney Ranger District, March 25-April 10; all remaining KNF lands, March 25-April 17 (including Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves).

2. Indian Bayou Area (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), turkey hunting schedule: March 19 handicap only hunt, March 25 - April 3, lottery hunt only on March 25 - 27 and March 28 - 30. Contact USCOE at 337-585-0853 for further information.

3. National Wildlife Refuges: Bogue Chitto NWR, March 25 - April 24; Lake Ophelia NWR, March 25 - April 1, April 9 - 24; Tensas NWR, March 19 - 20 (youth lottery only), March 25 - April

10. Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for information regarding NWR hunts.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 25:2265 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2636 (November 2000), LR 27:2272 (December 2001), LR 28:2377 (November 2002), LR 29:2514 (November 2003), LR 30: (December 2004).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

A Notice of Intent - Freshwater Shrimp, Commercial Harvest was the first item for Mr. Bennie Fontenot. He stated the proposed rule would put a new fishing gear for the commercial harvest of shrimp in Title 56 and legalize it. In Act 126, this gear was noted as well as the area of use where legal for the harvest of freshwater shrimp. In the Act, other means of harvesting freshwater shrimp and their areas of usage were not mentioned. But Act 126 did give the Commission the authority to reestablish the areas. The Notice of Intent would reestablish all legal means to take freshwater shrimp in those areas already prevalent. Chairman Busbice asked for public comments. Commissioner King asked what the freshwater dip net was about. Mr. Fontenot stated that was a gear already permitted by the Department. It was included in the proposed rule due to a numbering change.

Mr. Carl Gremillion asked if there was a poundage limit for shrimp? Mr. Fontenot stated there was no limit for commercial or recreational freshwater shrimp.

Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Samanie seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission pursuant to the authority granted under R.S. 56:501 hereby proposes to adopt the following rule providing for the harvest of any freshwater shrimp species in freshwater areas of the state, notwithstanding the provisions in R.S. 56:501, or any other law to the contrary, and repeals LAC 76:VII.701.D.10.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§102. Freshwater Shrimp, Commercial Harvest

A. A properly licensed commercial fisherman may take any freshwater shrimp species in freshwater areas of the state, except in those freshwater areas of the state where commercial fishing is prohibited by law.

B. In addition to other legal methods of take as provided for in Title 56, any freshwater shrimp species may be taken with a "freshwater shrimp trap."

C. A "freshwater shrimp trap" shall mean any device completely enclosed with an outside wire mesh not smaller than one-quarter inch, constructed with throats or flues not larger than one and one-half inches in diameter at their narrowest point, which is used for the sole purpose of taking freshwater shrimp in accordance with this Section. Other bait species may be taken when legally fishing a "freshwater shrimp trap." No game fish species can be taken while fishing a "freshwater shrimp trap" in accordance with this Section.

D. Violations. No person shall take or possess freshwater shrimp except as authorized by this Section. Any person found to be in violation of any provision of this Section shall be guilty of a class two violation and punished in accordance with the provisions applicable to R.S. 56:32.

Authority Note: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:501.

Historical Note: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR .

Chapter 7. Experimental Fisheries Programs

§701. Permits

A. - D.9. * * *

~~10. Experimental Freshwater River Shrimp (Macrobrachium Ohione) Permit~~

~~a. May experimentally fish a wire mesh shrimp net, 1/4 inch bar, 6 feet in length in the Intercoastal Canal and Mississippi River within 1.5 miles of the boat ramp adjacent to the locks in Port Allen.~~

~~b. Only freshwater river shrimp may be taken, all other species shall be immediately returned to waters from which they were caught, no other fish may be in the possession of the permittee.~~

~~c. The permittee shall have the permit in possession at all times when using permitted gear, permittee shall be on board permitted vessel when operating under conditions of permit.~~

~~d. The permitted gear must be properly licensed as a Shrimp Trawl and may be fished in freshwater areas only.~~

~~e. Permitted gear must be marked using a 1 gallon jug painted international orange and marked with black lettering, the word "experimental" and the permit number should be legibly displayed on the jug.~~

~~f. This permit may be canceled at any time if in the judgment of the Secretary or his designee, the permit is being used for purposes other than that for which the permit was issued.~~

~~g. Violating any provision or regulations of the experimental fishery permit shall deem a person not to be operating under the provisions of the program and shall subject the individual to the statutory requirements and penalties as provided for in Title 56.~~

1011. Experimental Freshwater Minnow Dip Net Permit

a. May experimentally fish for bait fishes with a wire mesh dip net, 1/4 inch bar, no greater than 3 feet cylindrical open end net shaped in a cone, affixed to a handle that may be attached to a boat and is held by hand.

b. Only freshwater minnows may be taken; all threatened, endangered, specifically protected and game fish species (as defined in R.S. 56:327A) shall be immediately returned to waters from which they were caught.

c. Permittee may only possess minnows taken under this permit and legal freshwater commercial species.

d. The permittee shall have the permit in possession at all times when using permitted gear; permittee shall be on board permitted vessel when operating under conditions of permit.

e. The permitted gear must be properly licensed as a Commercial Dip Net and may be fished in freshwater areas only.

f. Permittee may only possess the permitted gear and set lines while fishing under the permit.

g. Permittee may possess or fish no more than 2 dip nets as described in Subparagraph a above on board a vessel under this permit.

h. Permitted gear handle must be painted with international orange paint.

i. This permit may be canceled at any time if in the judgment of the Secretary or his designee, the permit is being used for purposes other than that for which the permit was issued.

j. Violating any provisions or regulations of the experimental fishery permit shall deem a person not to be operating under the provisions of the program and shall subject the individual to the statutory requirements and penalties as provided for in R.S. 56:32.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:571.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 12:119 (February 1986), LR 12:847 (December 1986), amended by the Office of Fisheries, LR 15:1098 (December 1989), LR 28:1601 (July 2002), LR 29:49 (January 2003), LR .

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, February 3, 2005.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set forth out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Then Mr. Bennie Fontenot handled the **Notice of Intent - Toledo Bend Reservoir, Uniform Harvest Regulations on Spotted Bass and Yellow**

Bass. The basis for the proposal was to make the fish regulations more uniform with the State of Texas on Toledo Bend Reservoir. With the proposed, staff did not feel there was a biological reason not to make the changes. On October 20, a meeting between the two states was held and both states agreed to the recommendations. Mr. Fontenot noted Texas would present their proposals during January 2005. Chairman Busbice asked if spotted bass and yellow bass were the only fish affected? Mr. Fontenot answered yes, and added that Enforcement and Texas wanted a "no filet of any fish species" regulation included. Chairman Busbice asked if the crappie and white perch size limits were different? Mr. Fontenot stated Texas has a 10 inch minimum but Louisiana has no minimum. Staff has reservations about going with a 10 inch minimum since the crappie fishing has been excellent the last two years. He added that Texas takes the minimum size limit off during the winter months due to mortality. In regards to largemouth bass, Mr. Fontenot stated a slot limit would work well on Toledo Bend but it would be disastrous for tournaments, so the 14 inch minimum would stay. Commissioner Samanie asked if the filet rule would only be for Toledo Bend? Mr. Fontenot answered it was just for Toledo Bend.

Mr. Carl Gremillion asked what was another name for spotted bass and yellow bass? Mr. Fontenot stated some people call them smallmouth bass and Kentucky bass.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Busbice asked for a motion to accept the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Stone made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Samanie. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby gives notice of its intent to amend the rule establishing bass regulations for Toledo Bend Reservoir.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§110. Toledo Bend Reciprocal Agreement

A. The recreational daily creel limit (daily take) for black Largemouth bass (Micropterus salmoides) and spotted bass (Micropterus spp.) punctulatus is set at eight fish, in aggregate. The minimum total length limit for largemouth bass (M. salmoides) is 14 inches and the minimum total length limit for spotted bass (M. punctulatus) is 12 inches. There is no minimum length limit on spotted bass. For enforcement purposes, a spotted bass shall be defined as a black bass with a tooth patch.

B. The daily creel limit for white bass (Morone chrysops) is 25 fish and there is no minimum total length limit.

BC. This rule will become effective September 1, 1997. There is no limit on the daily take of Yellow Bass (Morone mississippiensis).

ED. No person shall possess any species of fish in excess of a one day creel limit while on the water. No person shall at any time possess in excess of the daily creel limit of any species, except that a two day creel limit may be possessed on land, if the fish were caught on more than one day and no daily creel limits were exceeded. No person shall possess any filets of any fish species while on the water. For all species of fish, the possession limit for recreational anglers, while on the water, shall be a one day's creel limit.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25) (a), R.S. 56:325(C), R.S. 56:326.3, R.S. 56:673.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 14:548 (August 1988), amended LR 17:278 (March 1991), LR 17:1123 (November 1991), LR 19:790 (June 1993), LR 23:999 (August 1997), LR 31: .

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, February 3, 2005.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding

Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Declaration of Emergency - 2004 Commercial Shallow-Water Grouper Closure was presented by Mr. Harry Blanchet. The shallow-water grouper are several species managed between the states and the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. The commercial quota for the red grouper has been met and the fishery in offshore waters has been closed. In order to have compatible regulations, Mr. Blanchet asked the Commission to close state waters as well. Hearing no public comments, Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Blanchet to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner King seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2004 COMMERCIAL SHALLOW WATER GROUPEr CLOSURE

December 2, 2004

- WHEREAS, the shallow-water grouper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and
- WHEREAS, the shallow-water grouper fishery is composed of eight species of grouper (red, black, gag, yellowfin, scamp, and yellowmouth groupers, rock hind, and red hind) that are harvested in waters off of Louisiana, and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, rules for commercial harvest of shallow-water grouper are established by NMFS, to provide for a commercial harvest quota for shallow-water grouper in the Gulf of Mexico EEZ, and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has received notice from the Gulf Council and NMFS that the commercial

quota for the shallow-water grouper fishery was projected to have been filled on November 15, 2004, for the first time, and

WHEREAS, the NMFS and the Gulf Council have sent notice to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries requesting consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby closes the 2004 commercial fishery for harvest of shallow-water groupers in Louisiana state waters, effective 12:01 a.m., on December 3, 2004 until 12:01 a.m., January 1, 2005, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to re-open and re-close the commercial shallow-water grouper fishery season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season for the commercial harvest of shallow-water grouper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein has been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency closing the 2004 commercial shallow-water grouper fishery in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Mr. Bill A Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2004 Commercial Shallow-Water Grouper Closure

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares:

Effective 12:01 a.m., December 3, 2004, the commercial fishery for shallow-water groupers (red, black, gag, yellowfin, scamp and yellowmouth groupers, rock hind and red hind) in Louisiana waters, as described in LAC 76:VII.357.B.1 will close and remain closed until 12:01 a.m., January 1, 2005. Nothing herein shall preclude the legal harvest of shallow-water grouper by legally licensed recreational fishermen during the open season for recreational harvest.

Effective with this closure, no person shall commercially harvest, possess, purchase, exchange, barter, trade, sell, or attempt to purchase, exchange, barter, trade, or sell shallow-water groupers whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters. Also effective with this closure, no person shall possess shallow-water groupers in excess of a daily bag limit, which may only be in possession during the open recreational season. Nothing shall prohibit the possession or sale of fish by a commercial dealer if legally taken prior to the closure providing that all commercial dealers possessing shallow-water groupers taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to re-open and close the commercial season for shallow-water groupers in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of shallow-water groupers in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has been notified by the National Marine Fisheries Service that the commercial quota for shallow-water groupers was projected to be reached on November 15, 2004, and that the Federal season closure is necessary to ensure that the quota for shallow-water grouper for 2004 is not exceeded.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

A Notice of Intent - License Fee Waivers was handled by Mr. Don Puckett. He began stating that since the inception of license fees there have been some type of waivers for youth, senior citizens and other groups. The Legislature has also promulgated special exemptions such as for people in rehabilitation programs, developmentally disabled facilities and non-resident outdoor writers. Requests have been received from church groups, youth groups for a one day waiver, but the Department's legal staff has felt it not appropriate to grant those. Secretary Landreneau, based on this no answer, asked for legislation be drafted that would give him broader powers. Representative Wilfred Pierre handled the bill and it became Act 438 which granted broad powers to the Secretary to issue those licenses and gave the Commission the authority to set the rules on how the process would be determined. Representative Morrish asked that the developmentally disabled people be included in the bill. The Act passed unanimously in both the House and Senate. The Notice of Intent was broken into three categories, outdoor press, developmentally disabled and charitable, youth or school groups. Beginning with the outdoor press, Mr. Puckett stated this provided for a license waiver for four days for fishing and five days for hunting. This waiver was only available through the Baton Rouge office and an original, certified application form with a copy of the driver's license, recent tear sheets or a letter of assignment from a publication, television or radio company must be submitted for approval.

The next section, developmentally disabled, evolved with assistance and approval from Mr. David Martin with the Louisiana Developmental Disability Council. The special fishing and hunting permit for this group is applied for each year and issued on a one year basis. These individuals have to qualify as developmentally disabled pursuant to the rules already in place under the Department of Health and Hospitals. If a person uses one of these licenses, they have to be accompanied by a validly licensed fisherman or hunter. This second type of permit is for residents and proof would be required.

The language for the last group, church and charitable groups, and schools was already in an existing regulation and staff felt comfortable using those same terms here. This portion of the proposal would be a work in progress and the groups would have to prove they are a bonafide organization. This may open the door to children such as inner city youth, that have never experienced fishing or hunting which may attract future customers for the Department. This last permit would not exceed three days. Chairman Busbice felt this was a good program and was good it gave the Department authority to issue these permits. Commissioner King stated he has been asked to facilitate 200 sports writers from

around the country coming to Morgan City to experience south Louisiana fishing. He felt this would be a great way to get some good press. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Busbice asked for a motion and it was made by Commissioner Samanie. Commissioner King seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend and enact provisions for special licenses and license fee waivers.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part I. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and Agencies Thereunder

Chapter 3. Special Powers and Duties

Subchapter H. Electronic Licenses Issuance

§327. Recreational Electronic Licensing

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~~P. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing license the Department may issue a special Outdoor Press Fishing License to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include basic and saltwater fishing, in lieu of basic hunting and Louisiana duck license the Department may issue a special Outdoor Press Hunting License to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include migratory bird hunting and Louisiana duck license.~~

~~1. A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each outdoor press fishing license issued and the license shall be valid for a period of four consecutive days; a fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each Outdoor Press Hunting License and the license shall be valid for a period of three consecutive days; or a fee of twenty dollars will be charged for both if purchased for periods that begin on the same date.~~

~~2. All Outdoor Press licenses will be issued from the Baton Rouge Headquarters location.~~

~~3. To qualify for certification an applicant must submit to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism one or more of the following:~~

~~a. Recent tear sheets of published articles;~~

~~b. Letter of assignment from publication, television or radio company;~~

~~c. A written recommendation from one of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's international offices;~~

~~d. A written recommendation from Travel South USA, Louisiana Travel Promotion Association or similar organizations;~~

~~4. In no case will the Department of Culture, Recreational and Tourism forward an application from any individual or group not directly involved in producing stories or broadcast materials pertaining to Louisiana fishing and/or outdoor recreation opportunities.~~

~~5. Certified applications with all supporting documents and license fees shall be forwarded to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for approval. The license fee shall be returned to the applicant for any application not certified by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism or approved by the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.~~

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(21), R.S. 56:641.1 and R.S. 56:647.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Office of Management and Finance, LR 24:505 (March 1998), amended by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 26:1078 (May 2000), amended by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Office of Management and Finance, LR 27:1243 (August 2001), amended by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 28:354 (February 2002), LR 28:2570 (December 2002), LR 31: .

Subchapter I. Special Licenses and License Fee Waivers

§329. Outdoor Press Licenses

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing license, the Department Secretary may issue a special Outdoor Press Fishing License letter of waiver of license fees for fishing to a nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include basic and saltwater fishing. ~~in lieu of basic hunting and Louisiana duck license~~ For the purpose of hunting, the Department Secretary may issue a special Outdoor Press Hunting License letter of waiver of license fees for hunting to nonresident

members of the outdoor press which will include basic hunting, big game, bow, muzzleloader, turkey, Louisiana duck license and WMA hunting permit and who meet all other legal requirements to obtain a hunting license. to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include migratory bird hunting and Louisiana duck license.

1. A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each outdoor press fishing license issued. and the license Each letter of authorization to fish under this provision shall be valid for a period of four consecutive days. ~~7~~ A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each Outdoor Press Hunting License. and the license Each letter of authorization for hunting shall be valid for a period of ~~three~~ five consecutive days. ~~7~~ or a A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for both if purchased for periods that begin on the same date. Be it further provided that the Secretary may waive the above referenced fees in accordance with law.

2. ~~All Outdoor Press licenses~~ Each letter of authorization will be issued from the Baton Rouge Headquarters location.

3. To qualify for certification an applicant must submit to the Department of ~~Culture, Recreation and Tourism Wildlife and Fisheries~~ an original completed application form with a legible photo static copy of the applicant's driver's license and one or more of the following:

- a. Recent tear sheets of published articles; or
- b. Letter of assignment from publication, television or radio company.
- c. ~~A written recommendation from one of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's international offices,~~
- d. ~~A written recommendation from Travel South USA, Louisiana Travel Promotion Association or similar organizations,~~

4. In no case will the ~~Department of Culture, Recreational and Tourism~~ forward Department of Wildlife and Fisheries approve an application from any individual or group not directly involved in producing stories or broadcast materials pertaining to Louisiana fishing and/or outdoor recreation opportunities.

5. ~~Certified~~ Only certified applications with all supporting documents and applicable license fees shall be forwarded to the ~~Department of Wildlife and Fisheries~~ for approval. ~~The license fee shall be returned to the applicant for any application not certified by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism~~

~~or approved by the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. considered for approval.~~

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:647.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

§331. Special Disability Fishing and Hunting Licenses

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing licenses the Department may issue a Special Disability Fishing License to residents who qualify as "developmentally disabled" as defined in R.S. 28:751; and in lieu of basic hunting, big game hunting, bow, muzzleloader, turkey stamp, and duck hunting licenses, and WMA hunting permit, the Department may issue a Special Disability Hunting License to residents who qualify as "developmentally disabled" as defined in R.S. 28:751 and who meet all other legal requirements to obtain a hunting license. Developmentally disabled may include, but is not limited to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, downs syndrome, spina bifida, and multiple sclerosis.

1. Special Disability licenses shall be issued annually and will be exempt from license fees.

2. Anyone fishing with a Special Disability Fishing license must be accompanied by a validly licensed fisherman. Anyone hunting with a Special Disability Hunting license must be accompanied by a validly licensed hunter.

3. All Special Disability Fishing and Hunting licenses shall be issued from the Baton Rouge Headquarters location.

4. To qualify for Special Disability licenses an applicant must submit to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the following:

a. A valid Louisiana Driver's license or Identification Card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;

b. A completed application form for Developmentally Disabled license(s);

c. Proof that applicant has resided in Louisiana consecutively for the immediate twelve months prior to making application as required by the Department (i.e. resident driver's license of guardian or care giver, voter's registration card, vehicle registration, certification by guardian or care giver, etc.).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:104, R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:302.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

§333. Charitable Organizations, Youth Groups and Schools

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing licenses the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver of fees for bona fide charitable organizations, youth groups or schools. For the purpose of hunting, the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver of license fees for hunting to members of bona fide charitable organizations, youth groups or schools who meet all other legal requirements to obtain a hunting license, which will include basic hunting, big game, bow, muzzleloader, turkey, Louisiana duck license and WMA hunting permit.

B. Evidence of such status shall be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

C. Each letter authorizing a waiver of fees under this provision shall be valid for a period not to exceed 3 consecutive days.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:104, R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:302.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Janis Landry, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, February 3, 2005.

In accordance with Act No. 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

At the request of the Commission, Mr. Don Puckett stated a **Notice of Intent - Amend By-Laws** was developed to refine the conduct of the meetings. Final adoption of the By-Laws would occur at the January meeting. Commissioner Mouton stated a notice should be posted on the doors to the Louisiana Room that a comment card must be completed by the public. Mr. Puckett agreed that it should be as easy as possible for the public. Chairman Busbice asked about the 5 minute limit. Mr. Puckett stated that the Chairman may shorten the time limit based on the length of the agenda and the number of people requesting to speak. He then noted no official action was needed. There were no further questions or comments on this item.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **April 2005 Meeting** on Thursday, April 7, 2005, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters. Commissioner Samanie asked about having the April meeting around the third week in case information on the shrimp season was available early. Commissioner Mouton felt the Commission could give the Secretary authority to open the season at the April meeting if the shrimp were ready to be taken early.

Chairman Busbice then asked for **Public Comments**. Secretary Dwight Landreneau stated he saw Commissioner Stone limping and they compared stories. Commissioner Stone's was from playing tennis and Secretary Landreneau's was from trying to get a golf ball out of a sand trap. He then noted he went on a duck hunt the day before the meeting and there were mallards in Louisiana. A total of 18 birds were taken from his hunt. Chairman Busbice asked how many birds did the Secretary take. He answered saying he got his 6 and felt it was a great experience for him. Also, Secretary Landreneau commented the Chairman of the Commission would be leaving after having served seven years on the Board. He felt his experience of working with the Chairman was great and a lot of issues were discussed with the right decisions being made. Chairman Busbice was a great asset for the Department and a champion for the natural resources for the State, added Secretary Landreneau. He then read the plaque that was presented to Chairman Busbice. Chairman Busbice stated he has enjoyed every day of his term and has met a lot of wonderful people, but knew it was time to go. Louisiana offers very diverse outdoor activities for anyone to come to enjoy and the staff of the Department needs to be proud of that. He then noted he would miss his fellow Commission members and felt they have done a great job due to their love for the outdoors of the State. He concluded thanking everyone for the past seven years.

Update on St. John the Baptist Parish, et al. v. State of Louisiana, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 40th JDC, Parish of St. John the Baptist, No. 45016, Div. B was handled by Mr. Don Puckett. He reminded the Commission that he was to have a report for them based on a status conference which was scheduled for November. However, the status conference was moved to the day

after the meeting. Mr. Puckett did comment he would have a report ready for the January meeting that would probably include the date for the trial. Commissioner Stone asked if this lawsuit was moving again? Mr. Puckett stated yes, they were expecting to get a trial date within a reasonable time. Commissioner Stone felt if the suit did not move and the Legislature got involved again, the Department may be in trouble. Mr. Puckett stated it was the Department's intent to get to trial as soon as possible.

Before going to the last item, Chairman Busbice commented the Commission was in good and capable hands to take care of the problems facing the State. There being no further business, Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Stone.



Dwight Landreneau
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, December 2, 2004

Chairman Bill Busbice presiding.

Earl King
Henry Mouton
Wayne Sagrera
Robert Samanie, III
Jerry Stone

Secretary Dwight Landreneau was also present.

Commissioner Terry Denmon was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **November 4, 2004 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Samanie and seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. The motion passed with no opposition.

Under **Commission Special Announcements** for this month, Commissioner Mouton **Announced Time Change for Meetings** beginning with the January Meeting would be 9:30 AM. He then asked for a **Date Change for January 2005 Meeting** back to Wednesday, January 5. Chairman Busbice asked if a motion was needed to change the date. Mr. Don Puckett felt a motion would be appropriate. Commissioner Stone asked if it would be okay to have the meeting on Tuesday, January 4. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to move the January 2005 Meeting to Tuesday, January 4 at 9:30 a.m. in Baton Rouge Headquarters Building. Commissioner King seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for November** began with Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze stating he would like to change the format of reporting by giving the totals for the month and then reviewing other important information. Commissioner Stone stated he was good with the change adding he would like to hear about an outstanding case each month. Lt. Col. LaCaze stated there were 1,254 citations issued, 193 warnings were written and agents participated in 51 public assist cases. The Aviation Report for November 2004 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 33.0 hours for enforcement and 71.5 hours for other divisions. The main activity for the month was the managed hunts on the Wildlife Management Areas during the Thanksgiving weekend. Prior to the weekend hunts, meetings were held across the state with Wildlife and Enforcement

Division employees so the best quality experience could be provided on the WMAs. On the WMAs for November, there were 387 citations issued and 88 written warnings. Lt. Col. LaCaze reported there were no hunting accidents or fatalities during the weekend. The total number of public contacts on WMAs would be distributed as soon as it was available. Then he stated several News Releases indicated their prime activity was with deer (night hunting complaints, over the limit cases and illegal weapons) and a little on waterfowl. The Division was interviewing candidates for the next academy class which would begin in January. There were 18 individuals for the class which would be placed throughout the State. Commissioner Sagrera asked what was the usual size for an academy class? Lt. Col. LaCaze stated the average size class is about 20. Commissioner Stone asked about several strange birds confiscated and listed in the report, such as a marbled godwit, greater yellowlegs, willets and short-billed dowitchers. Lt. Col. LaCaze felt they may have been shot due to boredom.

Rule Ratification - 2005 Turkey Season was handled by Mr. Dave Moreland. He reported there was very little public comment on the proposed dates. Season dates for Area A season will run from March 25 through April 24; Area B is set for March 25 through April 17; and Area C would have March 25 through April 3. The statewide youth hunt on private lands would be the weekend of March 19 and 20. The daily limit is one gobbler and two for the season. Chairman Busbice asked what area would the Feliciana be in? Mr. Moreland stated it was Area A, which was one of the largest areas and it was reported to have low productivity for the past spring. Commissioner Stone felt the rain may have impacted that. Mr. Moreland stated it was a combination of factors such as landscape changes, disease problems and poor nesting success. A research study with LSU may develop to find out potential problems in the area. He then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Hearing no public comments, Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

December 2, 2004

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, December 2, 2004.

10. Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for information regarding NWR hunts.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 25:2265 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2636 (November 2000), LR 27:2272 (December 2001), LR 28:2377 (November 2002), LR 29:2514 (November 2003), LR 30: (December 2004).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

A Notice of Intent - Freshwater Shrimp, Commercial Harvest was the first item for Mr. Bennie Fontenot. He stated the proposed rule would put a new fishing gear for the commercial harvest of shrimp in Title 56 and legalize it. In Act 126, this gear was noted as well as the area of use where legal for the harvest of freshwater shrimp. In the Act, other means of harvesting freshwater shrimp and their areas of usage were not mentioned. But Act 126 did give the Commission the authority to reestablish the areas. The Notice of Intent would reestablish all legal means to take freshwater shrimp in those areas already prevalent. Chairman Busbice asked for public comments. Commissioner King asked what the freshwater dip net was about. Mr. Fontenot stated that was a gear already permitted by the Department. It was included in the proposed rule due to a numbering change.

Mr. Carl Gremillion asked if there was a poundage limit for shrimp? Mr. Fontenot stated there was no limit for commercial or recreational freshwater shrimp.

Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Samanie seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission pursuant to the authority granted under R.S. 56:501 hereby proposes to adopt the following rule providing for the harvest of any freshwater shrimp species in freshwater areas of the state, notwithstanding the provisions in R.S. 56:501, or any other law to the contrary, and repeals LAC 76:VII.701.D.10.

f. Permittee may only possess the permitted gear and set lines while fishing under the permit.

g. Permittee may possess or fish no more than 2 dip nets as described in Subparagraph a above on board a vessel under this permit.

h. Permitted gear handle must be painted with international orange paint.

i. This permit may be canceled at any time if in the judgment of the Secretary or his designee, the permit is being used for purposes other than that for which the permit was issued.

j. Violating any provisions or regulations of the experimental fishery permit shall deem a person not to be operating under the provisions of the program and shall subject the individual to the statutory requirements and penalties as provided for in R.S. 56:32.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:571.
HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 12:119 (February 1986), LR 12:847 (December 1986), amended by the Office of Fisheries, LR 15:1098 (December 1989), LR 28:1601 (July 2002), LR 29:49 (January 2003), LR .

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, February 3, 2005.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set forth out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Then Mr. Bennie Fontenot handled the Notice of Intent - Toledo Bend Reservoir, Uniform Harvest Regulations on Spotted Bass and Yellow

Bass. The basis for the proposal was to make the fish regulations more uniform with the State of Texas on Toledo Bend Reservoir. With the proposed, staff did not feel there was a biological reason not to make the changes. On October 20, a meeting between the two states was held and both states agreed to the recommendations. Mr. Fontenot noted Texas would present their proposals during January 2005. Chairman Busbice asked if spotted bass and yellow bass were the only fish affected? Mr. Fontenot answered yes, and added that Enforcement and Texas wanted a "no filet of any fish species" regulation included. Chairman Busbice asked if the crappie and white perch size limits were different? Mr. Fontenot stated Texas has a 10 inch minimum but Louisiana has no minimum. Staff has reservations about going with a 10 inch minimum since the crappie fishing has been excellent the last two years. He added that Texas takes the minimum size limit off during the winter months due to mortality. In regards to largemouth bass, Mr. Fontenot stated a slot limit would work well on Toledo Bend but it would be disastrous for tournaments, so the 14 inch minimum would stay. Commissioner Samanie asked if the filet rule would only be for Toledo Bend? Mr. Fontenot answered it was just for Toledo Bend.

Mr. Carl Gremillion asked what was another name for spotted bass and yellow bass? Mr. Fontenot stated some people call them smallmouth bass and Kentucky bass.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Busbice asked for a motion to accept the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Stone made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Samanie. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby gives notice of its intent to amend the rule establishing bass regulations for Toledo Bend Reservoir.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Declaration of Emergency - 2004 Commercial Shallow-Water Grouper Closure was presented by Mr. Harry Blanchet. The shallow-water grouper are several species managed between the states and the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. The commercial quota for the red grouper has been met and the fishery in offshore waters has been closed. In order to have compatible regulations, Mr. Blanchet asked the Commission to close state waters as well. Hearing no public comments, Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Blanchet to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Sagraera made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner King seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2004 COMMERCIAL SHALLOW WATER GROUPEr CLOSURE

December 2, 2004

- WHEREAS, the shallow-water grouper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and
- WHEREAS, the shallow-water grouper fishery is composed of eight species of grouper (red, black, gag, yellowfin, scamp, and yellowmouth groupers, rock hind, and red hind) that are harvested in waters off of Louisiana, and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, rules for commercial harvest of shallow-water grouper are established by NMFS, to provide for a commercial harvest quota for shallow-water grouper in the Gulf of Mexico EEZ, and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has received notice from the Gulf Council and NMFS that the commercial

Chairman

A Notice of Intent - License Fee Waivers was handled by Mr. Don Puckett. He began stating that since the inception of license fees there have been some type of waivers for youth, senior citizens and other groups. The Legislature has also promulgated special exemptions such as for people in rehabilitation programs, developmentally disabled facilities and non-resident outdoor writers. Requests have been received from church groups, youth groups for a one day waiver, but the Department's legal staff has felt it not appropriate to grant those. Secretary Landreneau, based on this no answer, asked for legislation be drafted that would give him broader powers. Representative Wilfred Pierre handled the bill and it became Act 438 which granted broad powers to the Secretary to issue those licenses and gave the Commission the authority to set the rules on how the process would be determined. Representative Morrish asked that the developmentally disabled people be included in the bill. The Act passed unanimously in both the House and Senate. The Notice of Intent was broken into three categories, outdoor press, developmentally disabled and charitable, youth or school groups. Beginning with the outdoor press, Mr. Puckett stated this provided for a license waiver for four days for fishing and five days for hunting. This waiver was only available through the Baton Rouge office and an original, certified application form with a copy of the driver's license, recent tear sheets or a letter of assignment from a publication, television or radio company must be submitted for approval.

The next section, developmentally disabled, evolved with assistance and approval from Mr. David Martin with the Louisiana Developmental Disability Council. The special fishing and hunting permit for this group is applied for each year and issued on a one year basis. These individuals have to qualify as developmentally disabled pursuant to the rules already in place under the Department of Health and Hospitals. If a person uses one of these licenses, they have to be accompanied by a validly licensed fisherman or hunter. This second type of permit is for residents and proof would be required.

The language for the last group, church and charitable groups, and schools was already in an existing regulation and staff felt comfortable using those same terms here. This portion of the proposal would be a work in progress and the groups would have to prove they are a bonafide organization. This may open the door to children such as inner city youth, that have never experienced fishing or hunting which may attract future customers for the Department. This last permit would not exceed three days. Chairman Busbice felt this was a good program and was good it gave the Department authority to issue these permits. Commissioner King stated he has been asked to facilitate 200 sports writers from

around the country coming to Morgan City to experience south Louisiana fishing. He felt this would be a great way to get some good press. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Busbice asked for a motion and it was made by Commissioner Samanie. Commissioner King seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend and enact provisions for special licenses and license fee waivers.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part I. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and Agencies Thereunder

Chapter 3. Special Powers and Duties

Subchapter H. Electronic Licenses Issuance

§327. Recreational/Electronic Licensing

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~~P. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing license the Department may issue a special Outdoor Press Fishing License to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include basic and saltwater fishing, in lieu of basic hunting and Louisiana duck license the Department may issue a special Outdoor Press Hunting License to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include migratory bird hunting and Louisiana duck license.~~

~~1. A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each outdoor press fishing license issued and the license shall be valid for a period of four consecutive days; a fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each Outdoor Press Hunting License and the license shall be valid for a period of three consecutive days; or a fee of twenty dollars will be charged for both if purchased for periods that begin on the same date.~~

~~2. All Outdoor Press licenses will be issued from the Baton Rouge Headquarters location.~~

At the request of the Commission, Mr. Don Puckett stated a **Notice of Intent - Amend By-Laws** was developed to refine the conduct of the meetings. Final adoption of the By-Laws would occur at the January meeting. Commissioner Mouton stated a notice should be posted on the doors to the Louisiana Room that a comment card must be completed by the public. Mr. Puckett agreed that it should be as easy as possible for the public. Chairman Busbice asked about the 5 minute limit. Mr. Puckett stated that the Chairman may shorten the time limit based on the length of the agenda and the number of people requesting to speak. He then noted no official action was needed. There were no further questions or comments on this item.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **April 2005 Meeting** on Thursday, April 7, 2005, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters. Commissioner Samanie asked about having the April meeting around the third week in case information on the shrimp season was available early. Commissioner Mouton felt the Commission could give the Secretary authority to open the season at the April meeting if the shrimp were ready to be taken early.

Chairman Busbice then asked for **Public Comments**. Secretary Dwight Landreneau stated he saw Commissioner Stone limping and they compared stories. Commissioner Stone's was from playing tennis and Secretary Landreneau's was from trying to get a golf ball out of a sand trap. He then noted he went on a duck hunt the day before the meeting and there were mallards in Louisiana. A total of 18 birds were taken from his hunt. Chairman Busbice asked how many birds did the Secretary take. He answered saying he got his 6 and felt it was a great experience for him. Also, Secretary Landreneau commented the Chairman of the Commission would be leaving after having served seven years on the Board. He felt his experience of working with the Chairman was great and a lot of issues were discussed with the right decisions being made. Chairman Busbice was a great asset for the Department and a champion for the natural resources for the State, added Secretary Landreneau. He then read the plaque that was presented to Chairman Busbice. Chairman Busbice stated he has enjoyed every day of his term and has met a lot of wonderful people, but knew it was time to go. Louisiana offers very diverse outdoor activities for anyone to come to enjoy and the staff of the Department needs to be proud of that. He then noted he would miss his fellow Commission members and felt they have done a great job due to their love for the outdoors of the State. He concluded thanking everyone for the past seven years.

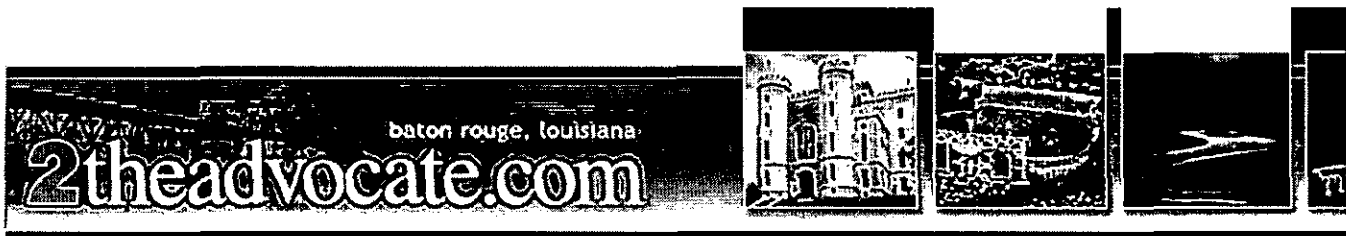
Update on St. John the Baptist Parish, et al. v. State of Louisiana, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 40th JDC, Parish of St. John the Baptist, No. 45016, Div. B was handled by Mr. Don Puckett. He reminded the Commission that he was to have a report for them based on a status conference which was scheduled for November. However, the status conference was moved to the day

after the meeting. Mr. Puckett did comment he would have a report ready for the January meeting that would probably include the date for the trial. Commissioner Stone asked if this lawsuit was moving again? Mr. Puckett stated yes, they were expecting to get a trial date within a reasonable time. Commissioner Stone felt if the suit did not move and the Legislature got involved again, the Department may be in trouble. Mr. Puckett stated it was the Department's intent to get to trial as soon as possible.

Before going to the last item, Chairman Busbice commented the Commission was in good and capable hands to take care of the problems facing the State. There being no further business, Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Stone.

Dwight Landreneau
Secretary

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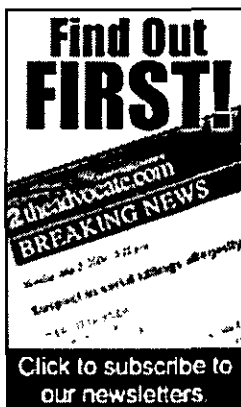
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Busbice hit nerve with 'illegal' talk

By JOE MACALUSO

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Bill Busbice signed a state document for the last time Thursday, his final day on the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, his last day in the chairman's spot.

The Lafayette trucking company executive spent seven years on the commission. Yep, seven, because he served out one year of an existing term, then the usual six-year LWFC term. One of the seven commission members has a four-year term that runs concurrently with the sitting governor.

It was clear from the outset of Busbice's tenure that he was a friend of Louisiana hunters, especially deer hunters. His statements during the last seven years leaves little doubt Busbice believes hunting deer with dogs is a time-honored tradition. He went on record several times for longer hunting seasons. For hunters and their interests, he leaves the commission with a big hole to fill.

During the last two years, Busbice went on a tear against illegal taking of game, notably the folks who use the cover of night to take game.

Note here that I'm not calling this activity "night hunting." Sure, it's done at night, but it's not hunting, not even in the broadest sense of the word.

To prove that curbing this illegal take will take more than words, take a look at what Wildlife and Fisheries enforcement agents did during November.

Last month, the season opened in the state's eight deer-hunting areas, and agents issued 65 citations for illegal take of game. Most of the alleged violations were for taking deer. That's 5 percent of the 1,254 citations issued statewide last month.

What's worse is that illegal-hunting citations were written in all nine LDWF districts, which means these perpetrators live in every corner of our state and lots of places in between.

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Busbice leaves the commission with a charge to urge the State Legislature to increase penalties for illegal taking of game. He's right.

These activities steal from law-abiding hunters. The last time I looked, the state valued a whitetail deer at \$525, a level that makes this crime a felony. Yet, how many illegal hunters are branded as felons?

Not many. More often than not in years past, illegal hunters were given slaps on their wrists and sent on their ways. More often than not, only when the violator was written up time and again did public outcry make district attorneys and judges realize they were dealing with a common criminal, not simply with a hunter who strayed from the flock.

We can only hope that Busbice uses the knowledge he's gained from his seven LWFC years to push for stronger penalties for these illegal activities. Somebody needs to champion this cause, and he sure looks like the right man at the right time.

Important decision

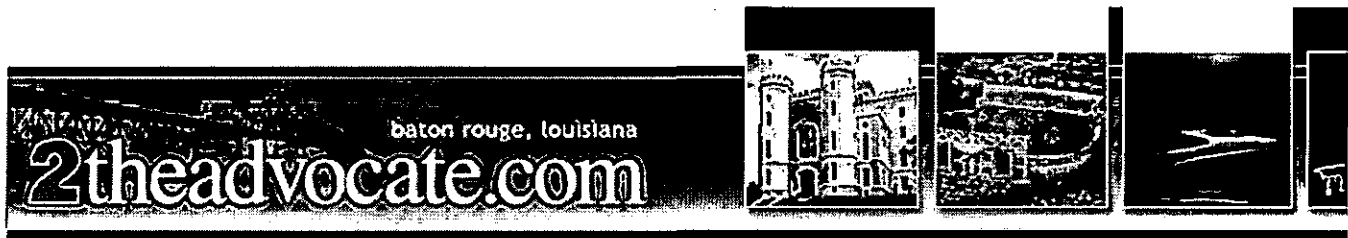
Sometime in the next month, Gov. Kathleen Blanco will review a list of folks to fill Busbice's commission spot. There are stipulations here, namely that Busbice is a "recreational" representative -- there are "commercial" spots on the LWFC, too -- and there are no commission members from the Shreveport nor New Orleans areas.

The south-central area of the state has more than its share of the six remaining members, one each from Lafayette, Abbeville, Houma and Amelia -- the others are Dr. Jerry Stone from Baton Rouge and Terry Denmon from Monroe -- and it's time to include a recreational representative from either the Crescent City or Shreveport, which have gone more than 10 years without a direct voice on the commission.

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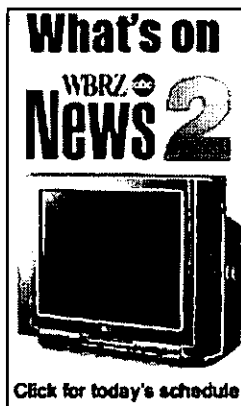
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Special goose season opens

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With U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service waterfowl biologists continuing to talk about the overpopulation of "mid-continent blue, snow and Ross' geese," Louisiana hunters get their first split of the special Conservation Order on those three species Monday.

The split will run through Dec. 17, then will run Feb. 13-March 13.

Blue, snow and Ross' geese are the only birds allowed to be taken during the special season.

There are no duck nor goose seasons open in the state during a Conservation Order period.

To help take more of the three species, hunters are allowed to use electronic calls, hunt with unplugged shotguns -- regular waterfowl regulations limit hunters to three shells in the gun -- and to hunt until one-half hour after sunset local time.

There is no daily nor possession limit on the three species during the Conservation Order.

Next survey

State Wildlife Study biologist Scott Durham is scheduled to take to the air this week for Louisiana's second state duck survey of the season. There were slightly more than 1 million birds in the state during the early-November survey.

Reports indicate it's cold enough up north to chase down ducks from in Canada, eastern Montana and the Dakotas

Turkey seasons

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The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approved the spring turkey season for 2005, and the season will open statewide Good Friday, March 25.

The statewide private-lands youth hunt is set for March 19-20. Turkey hunters will be limited to taking gobblers (tom turkeys only). The daily limit is one and the season limit is two.

Fishing agreement

Public comment will be taken for the next 100 or so days on the LWFC notice to change creel regulations on spotted bass and yellow bass on Toledo Bend.

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Louisiana and Texas biologists agreed to take the proposal to their commissions. The plan will have no minimum size limit on spotted bass (there's a 12-inch minimum size limit now), and no daily creel limit on yellow bass (it's 50-per-day now).

LWFC changes date

The commission moved its scheduled Jan. 6, meeting to Tuesday, Jan. 4, and approved moving meeting times from 10 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Another change in the meeting format is that anyone wanting to make public comment at a meeting must complete a "comment card" before the chairman convening the meeting.

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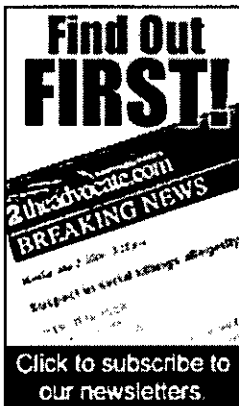
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Turkey season dates set to begin March 25

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In a rare move to take advantage of statewide public holiday, the 2005 spring turkey season will open on a Friday.

The March 25, 2005 statewide opener is Good Friday; Easter Sunday is March 27. It's the fourth year for all three of the state's turkey hunting areas to open on the same day.

Area A, which takes in most of the turkey hunters in the Capital City area, will have a March 25-April 24 season. Area B's dates are March 25-April 17 and Area C will run March 25-April 3. The statewide private-lands youth hunt is March 19-20. As usual, turkey hunters will be limited to taking gobblers (male turkeys) only. The daily limit is one and the season limit is two.

The seasons were ratified at Thursday's Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting in Baton Rouge.

The LWFC also set in motion a plan agreed to by Louisiana and Texas inland fisheries biologists to regulate the take of spotted bass and yellow bass on Toledo Bend. When springtime bass fishing peaks on Toledo Bend, freshwater anglers will have no minimum size limit on spotted bass -- the current rule is a 12-inch minimum size limit -- and there will be no daily creel limit on yellow bass, which currently have a 50-per-day limit.

Inland Fisheries Section administrator Bennie Fontenot said the agreement with Texas Parks and Wildlife means the two states have only to iron out differences in the states' regulations on crappie (sac-a-lait). All other species in the reservoir have been ironed out during the last 10 years. Toledo Bend makes up nearly 100 miles of border between the two states.

Thursday's Notice of Intent has a 120-day public-comment period before the LWFC ratifies the moves at its April 7, 2005 meeting.

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Fontenot added that Louisiana must also implement a ban on fishermen having filleted fish in their boats while the boats or houseboats are on Toledo Bend.

In other action, the LWFC posted a Notice of Intent to regulate the taking of freshwater shrimp by commercial fishermen. The notice carried language that defined a freshwater shrimp trap and established an "experimental freshwater minnow dip net permit" for commercial sellers.

The LWFC also closed the commercial season on shallow-water grouper to coincide with the recent closure announced by the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council in federal waters. The GMFMC cited statistics that indicated commercial fishermen had reached their quota of red, black, gag, yellowfin, yellowmouth and scamp groupers along with rock hind and red hind.

The closure went into effect today.

At the urging of Wildlife and Fisheries secretary Dwight Landreneau and passage of Act 438 by the State Legislature, the LWFC posted a Notice of Intent that will allow the LDWF secretary to waive certain license fees for disabled hunters and fishermen and for service, youth, charity and school groups, and set a \$20 special license for nonresident outdoor media.

And, the LWFC approved several changes governing its monthly meetings. Beginning with the Jan. 4 meeting in Baton Rouge, meetings will convene at 9:30 a.m., one-half hour up from the customary 10 a.m. and anyone wishing to make public comment must complete a "comment card" in order to address the LWFC. The commission also moved its scheduled Jan. 6, 2005 meeting to Tuesday, Jan. 4.

The LWFC also learned that LDWF Enforcement Division agents issued 1,254 citations and 193 written warnings during November.

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COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, December 2, 2004
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife and Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Bill Busbice (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Terry Denmon	<u> </u>	<u>✓</u>
Wayne Sagrera	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Jerry Stone	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Henry Mouton	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Earl King	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Bobby Samanie	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>

Mr. Chairman:

There are 6 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Landreneau is also present.

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ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

NOVEMBER, 2004

REGION 1: MINDEN**PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,
WEBSTER, RED RIVER,
DESOTO**

TOTAL CASES	58
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Boating Safety
7	Hunt W/O Resident License
3	Hunt W/O Non-Resident License
1	Bow Hunt W/O Bow License
1	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
2	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours Or With Artificial Light
6	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
2	Hunt W/O Non-Resident Big Game License
1	Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours Or With Artificial Light
1	Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road
1	Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer Open Season
1	Possession Over Limit Deer
1	Possession Illegally Taken Deer Open Season
5	Failure To Wear Hunter Orange
1	Hunt Ducks W/O Federal Stamp
2	Violate MGB Tagging Requirements

2	Wanton Waste OF MGB
1	Violate Non Toxic Shot Requirements
2	Hunt Ducks Closed Season
1	Taking Grebe – No Season
9	Not Abiding By R&R On WMA
1	Hunt On WMA W/O WMA Hunting Permit
4	Operate ATV On Public Road
1	Obtain License By Fraud

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 27	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Angling W/O License – Non-Resident
1	Failure To Abide By Commission Rules
1	Hunt W/O Non-Resident Big Game License
5	Failure To Wear Hunter Orange
16	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
3	Hunt On WMA Permit W/O WMA Hunting Permit

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 Doe Deer (Donated); 1 Resident Active Military License (Held At R-1 Office); 1 WMA Self Clearing Permit (Held At R-1 Office); 1 LA ID Card (R-1 Office); 1 Resident Basic & 1 Resident Big Game License (R-1 Office); 1 Ruger 7MM Rifle (R-1 Office); 1 Remington 270 Cal. Rifle W/Leopold Scope (R-1 Office); 1 Button Buck (Donated); 2 Plastic Bags Containing Deer Blood & Hair & Blood Sample From Button Buck (R-1 Office)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
9	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
15	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
32	State Hunting/Trapping
27	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 2: MONROE**PARISHES: E. CARROLL, JACKSON,
LINCOLN, MOREHOUSE,
OUACHITA, RICHALND,
UNION, W. CARROLL**

TOTAL CASES	154
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5	Boating
1	Hunt Without Federal Duck Stamp
6	Hunt Without Resident Basic License
5	Hunt Without Resident Big Game License
1	Hunt Deer Illegal Method
35	Failure To Abide By WMA Rules And Regulations
4	Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer Open Season
19	Hunt Deer From Public Road
16	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
12	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours
5	Take Illegal Deer Open Season
4	Angle Without A Basic License
1	Contributing To The Delinquency Of A Minor
1	Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
8	Fail To Wear Hunter's Orange
1	Obtain license By Fraud

1	Hunt Without Non-Resident Big Game License
1	Hunt Without Non-Resident Basic License
1	Violate MGB Treaty Act (Lead Shot)
1	Hunt MGB Without State MGB License
4	Discharge Firearm From Pubic Road
2	Littering
1	Take Or Possession Of Game Fish Illegally
3	Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana
1	Operate A Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated
4	Possession Of Alcohol Under 21 Years Of Age
1	Failure To Tag Nets
1	Hunt On WMA Without WMA Permit
2	Obstruction Of Justice
1	Impeding Traffic
1	Fish Without Cane Pole License
1	Violate Open Container Law
1	Take Deer With Illegal Weapon
2	Fail To Maintain Sex Identification
1	Possess Over The Limit Of Deer

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 18

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
15	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
1	Improper Running Lights
1	Failure To Wear Hunter's Orange
1	Angle Without A Resident License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1-Bag Marijuana; 3-Doe (Deer); 1-Remington 7400 .308 Rifle; 1- Savage .270 Rifle; 1-Browning 30-06 Rifle; 1-Remington .270 Rifle; 4-Bass; 11-Bream; 2-Crappie

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
4	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
13	Miscellaneous
6	Recreational Fishing
123	State Hunting/Trapping
18	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
6	Public Assistance

REGION 3: ALEXANDRIA**PARISHES: AVOYELLES, GRANT,
NATCHITOCHES,
RAPIDES, SABINE,
VERNON, WINN**

TOTAL CASES	287
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
7	Boating
1	Fail To Maintain Sex Identification
3	Fail To Abide By Commision Rules
29	Hunt Deer Illegal Method
4	Possess Illegally Taken Deer
1	Possession Of Buckshot During Closed Deer Season
28	Fail To Wear Hunters Orange
3	Discharge Firearm From Public Road
4	Hunt Deer From Public Road
7	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
7	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours
3	Hunt With Unplugged Gun
12	Hunt Without Resident License
12	Hunt Without Big Game License
3	Take Illegal Deer Open Season
1	Violation Of Probation/License Revocation

2	Hunt Deer Illegal Weapon
1	Hunt Without Non-Resident License
1	Hunt From Levee Road
93	Not Abiding By R/R On State Land
2	Possession Of Untagged Deer
1	Fail To Comply With Hunter's Safety Requirement
2	Possess Over Limit Of Deer
9	Hunt On WMA Without WMA Hunting Permit
1	Possession Of Other Non-Game Parts
3	Hunt Ducks W/O Federal Stamp
2	Hunt MGB Unplugged Gun
5	Hunt MGB Illegal Hours
3	Hunt Ducks W/O State Stamp
2	Violate Non-Toxic Shot Requirements
1	Possess Freshly Killed MGB Closed Season
8	Angling W/O A License
1	Possession Of Live Alligator W/O Permit
1	No Commercial License
1	No Fresh Products License
4	Buy/Sell Game Fish

4	Littering
2	Operate ATV On Public Road
1	Misrepresentation During Issuance Of Misdemeanor
1	Theft
2	Careless Operation
4	Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia
1	Resisting An Officer
1	Public Possession Of Alcohol (Under 21)
1	DWI
1	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
1	Violation Of Barricade

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL - 18	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Fail To Wear Hunter's Orange
1	Hunt W/O Non-Resident License
1	Hunt W/O Non-Resident Big Game License
13	Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations
1	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
6 DMAP Tags, 12 Deer, 7 Rifles, 1 Shotgun, 1 Spotlight, 2 Squirrels and 7 Ducks.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
7	Boating
6	Commercial Fishing
17	Federal Migratory
4	Littering
15	Miscellaneous
9	Recreational Fishing
229	State Hunting/Trapping
18	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
12	Public Assistance

REGION 4: FERRIDAY**PARISHES: CALDWELL, CATAHOULA,
CONCORDIA, FRANKLLIN,
LASALLE, MADISON, TENSAS**

TOTAL CASES	80
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Boating Safety Violations
0	Angling W/O A License
1	Hunting W/O Resident License
1	Hunt Deer Closed Area
1	Possess Over Limit of Deer
1	Possession of Illegally Taken Deer
2	Fail Comply W/Hunters Orange Regulations
1	Hunt W/O Muzzleloader License
61	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA
5	Use WMA W/O License or Stamp
0	Illegal Possession of Marijuana
1	Intentional Littering
1	Operate ATV on Public Road
1	Other Than Wildlife & Fisheries (Damage to Levee on WMA)
1	Hunting MGB W/O State MGB License
1	Hunting Ducks W/O Federal Stamp

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
12	Not Abiding By WMA Rules & Regulations

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2 Small Bags Of Marijuana; 2 Deer

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
1	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
2	Recreational Fishing
111	State Hunting/Trapping
12	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
13	Public Assistance

REGION 5: LAKE CHARLES**PARISHES: BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU,
EVANGELINE, ALLEN,
CAMERON, ACADIA,
VERMILION, JEFF DAVIS**

TOTAL CASES	87
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
13	Boating
11	Angling W/O A License
2	Angling W/O A License Non Resident
1	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirements
1	Use Oversize Trawl, Trawl Board
1	Hunting W/O Res. License
2	Hntg. From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
1	Hntg. Wild Quadrupeds And/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours
1	Hntg. W/O Resident Big Game License
1	Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours Or W/Artificial Light
2	Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road
4	Fail To Wear Hunter's Orange
1	Take Or Poss. Alligators Closed Season
1	Possession Of Live Alligator W/O Permit
1	Hunting Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp

1	Take/Poss. O/L Of Ducks (Field Possession)
2	Violate Non Toxic Shot Requirements
1	Hunting MGB W/O State Migratory License
1	Discharge Firearm From Public Road
4	Operate ATV On Public Road
1	Theft Of State Property
1	Illegal Trespass
29	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
3	Hunting On WMA W/O WMA Hunting
1	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 15

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Angling W/O A License
1	Hunting W/O A Resident License
1	Fail To Wear Hunter's Orange
1	Expired Boat Registration Certificate
11	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 Alligator RTW; 1 Alligator Destroyed; 2 Rods; 2 Reels; 2 Deer; 3 Rifles; 2 Bullets; 1 Empty Bullet Cartridge; Littering – Mail; 1 Crab Trap; 4 Trawl Boards; 7,000 Lbs. Of Shrimp Sold For \$2,960.00

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
13	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
5	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
7	Miscellaneous
14	Recreational Fishing
14	State Hunting/Trapping
15	Written Warnings
32	Wildlife Management Area

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

REGION 6: OPELOUSAS**PARISHES: IBERIA, IBERVILLE,
PT.COUPÉE, LAFAYETTE,
ST. LANDRY, ST. MARTIN,
W.B.R.**

TOTAL CASES	97
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
15	Boating
1	Hunt Raccoons Or Opossums Illegally
2	Hunt W/O Resident License
17	Angling W/O License
2	Hunt/Take Deer Illegal Hours Or With Artificial Light
3	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
1	Violate MGB Tagging Requirements
1	Take/Possess Over Limit Freshwater Game Fish
5	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
3	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
3	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
6	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
2	Intentional Littering
4	Hunt On WMA W/O WMA Hunting Permit
2	Possess Spotted Fawn

1	Take Over Limit Of Raccoons
1	Possession Of Firearm Of Convicted Felon
1	Hunt MGB Over Baited Area
1	Hunt MGB From A Vehicle
1	Hunt Across Public Road/Road Right Of Way
1	No Self-Clearing Permit
1	Drive Or Park On Undesignated Trail Or Road
1	Take/Possess Undersize Black Drum
1	Littering
3	Criminal Damage To State Property
1	Hunt MGB W/O State MGB License
2	Contributing To The Delinquency Of A Juvenile
2	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours
2	Hunt Ducks W/O Federal Duck Stamp
2	Violate Non-Toxic Shot Requirements
3	Hunt MGB W/O State Migratory License
2	Fail To Wear Hunters Orange
1	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
2	Failure To Abide By Commission Rules

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
9	Boating
6	Angling W/O License In Possession
1	Hunt W/O Resident License In Possession
10	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
1	Use WMA W/O License Or Stamp
1	Hunt WMA W/O WMA Hunting Permit
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
Set of Horns, Doe Tags, 2 Deer, 4 Rifles, 2 Spotted Fawns, 2 Crates of Crabs, 30 Buster Crabs, Ice Chest, 40 lbs. Shrimp, 4 Teal, Wood Duck Pin Feather And White Ibis Feathers, Empty 12 Gauge Shotgun Shell Box, 1 Knife, 65 Sac-A-Lait, 10 Black Bass, 11 Squirrels, 1 Hard Hat With Head Lamp, 1 Battery, 1 Headlight, 2 Raccoons, 1 Shotgun, 1 Dove, 1 Bait Sample, 4 Undersize Black Drum, 2 Wood Ducks, 1 Lead Shot Shell, 1 Shotgun Shell Hull

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
15	Boating
7	Commercial Fishing

13	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
17	Miscellaneous
25	Recreational Fishing
17	State Hunting/Trapping
29	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

REGION 7: BATON ROUGE**PARISHES: ASCENSION, E.B. ROUGE,
E. FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON
ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY,
TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON,
W. FELICIANA**

TOTAL CASES	104
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Boating Safety
8	Angling Without Resident License
9	Hunting Without Basic Resident License
5	Hunting Without Big Game License
1	Hunting Without Non-Resident License
6	Hunting Without Muzzleloader License
8	Failure To Wear Hunters Orange
2	Hunt D-Map Land Without Permit From Owner/Lessee
1	Hunt WMA Without Permit
25	Violate Rules and Regulations On WMA
2	Possess Live Wild Quadruped Without Permit
1	Take Spotted Fawn
1	Possess Gun While Bow Hunting
1	Possess Buckshot And Slugs During Closed Season For Deer
3	Hunt With Unplugged Shotgun

1	Hunt MGB (Ducks) Without State Duck License
2	Hunt MGB Illegal Hours (Ducks)
2	Hunt Doves Over Bait
1	Possess Over Limit of Doves
3	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours
6	Hunt From A Moving Vehicle
3	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours With Light
1	Hunt Deer From Public Road
1	Take Deer Illegal Methods
3	Hunt Deer With Illegal Weapon
1	Hunt Deer Closed Area
3	Gross Littering
1	Flight From An Officer
1	Simple Possession Of Marijuana

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
10	
5	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations Of WMA
4	Failure To Wear Hunters Orange
1	Use WMA Without License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
3—Deer	3—Rifles
4—Squirrels	1—Muzzleloader
33—Doves	1—Small Bag Of Marijuana (At LSP Crime Lab)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

TOTAL 114	DESCRIPTION
2	Boating
--	Commercial Fishing
5	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
8	Recreational Fishing
84	State Hunting/Trapping
10	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Public Assistance Assist Motorist (3)

REGION 8: NEW ORLEANS**PARISHES: PLAQUEMINE, ST. BERNARD,
ORLEANS, JEFFERSON,
ST. CHARLES**

TOTAL CASES	238
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
28	Boating
59	Angling W/O A License
10	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
7	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
2	Angling W/O A Saltwater License Non-Resident
1	Take/Possess O/L Red Drum (On Water)
4	Possess O/L Red Drum In Excess Of 27 Inches
2	Take/Possess Red Drum In EEZ
7	Take/Possess Undersized Red Drum
5	Take/Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout
3	Take/Possess Undersized Black Drum
2	Take/Possess Undersized Mangrove Snapper
2	Take/Possess O/L Spotted Sea Trout (On Water)
2	Take/Possess O/L Black Drum
2	Take/Possess Undersize Red Snapper
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Trawl)

1	Take Commercial Fish W/O A Vessel License
2	Sell/Buy Fish W/O A Retail Seafood Dealer's License
1	Use Saltwater Gill Net Illegally (No License)
1	Use Oversize Skimmer Nets
4	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
23	Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef
1	Violate Sanitation Code (Log Book)
4	Violate Sanitation Code (Refrigeration)
1	Violate Lake Pontchartrain Sanctuary (Trawling)
2	Hunting W/O Resident License
7	Possess Wild Birds Or Quadrupeds W/O A License
1	Failure To Abide By Commission Rules (Hunt In Closed Area)
10	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
13	Hunt Wild Birds Or Quadrupeds Illegal Hours
4	Hunt From A Public Road
1	Hunt MGB W/O A State Migratory License
3	Take Rabbits Illegal Methods
4	Hung MGB Illegal Hours
4	Hung MGB Over Baited Area
2	Possession Of Freshly Killed MGB Closed Season

4	Hunt MGB With Electronic Calling Device
1	Possess O/L Doves
1	Hunt Coots Closed Season
1	Possess O/L Coots
1	Hunt On WMA W/O A WMA Hunting Permit
2	Littering
1	Vehicular Homicide

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 35	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
3	Take/Possess Undersize Red Drum
5	Take/Possess Undersize Spotted Sea Trout
3	Take/Possess Undersize Black Drum
3	Fail To Display Valid Certificate Decal
1	Expired Boat Registration
1	Improper Running Lights
1	Fail To Comply With PFD Requirements
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On A WMA
2	Violate Commission Rules And Regulations (Shark)

6	Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef
1	Fail To Display Proper Number On Vessel
1	Hunt W/O Resident License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
1 Goose; 29 Coots; 3 Ducks, 11 Black Drum; 26 Red Drum; 102 Spotted Sea Trout; 18 Red Snapper; 3 Mangrove Snapper; 7 Sheepshead; 1 White Trout; 1 Bass; 28 Doves; 6 Rabbits; 2,452 Lbs. Head On Shrimp Sold @\$2,574.60; 8 Lbs. Head On Shrimp-RTW; 359 Sacks Of Oysters-RTW; Seized Items-4 Shotguns; 1 Rifle; 1 Slingshot; 2 Spotlights; 2 Trawls; 2,100 Ft. Gill Nets; 10 Rod And Reels; 1 Ice Chest; 1 Electronic Calling Device	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
28	Boating
41	Commercial Fishing
17	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
106	Recreational Fishing
41	State Hunting/Trapping
35	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance

REGION 9: SCHRIEVER

**PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, ST. JAMES,
ST. JOHN, ST. MARY,
TERREBONNE, LAFOURCHE,
JEFFERSON-GRAND ISLE,
LOWER ST. MARTIN**

TOTAL CASES	149
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
29	Boating
31	Angling Without A Basic License
4	Angling Without A Non-Resident License
2	Fish Without Resident Pole License
5	Angling Without Saltwater License
2	Angling Without Non-Resident Saltwater License
1	Possession Of Over Limit Red Drum In Excess Of 27" (Recreational)
1	Take Undersized Red Drum (Recreational) 16" Minimum
1	Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Recreational)
2	Possess Undersized Red Drum (Recreational) 16" Minimum
4	Possess Undersized Black Drum (Recreational)
3	Take Undersized Black Drum (Recreational)
2	Take Over Limit Black Drum (Recreational)
2	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
2	Take Fish Without Commercial License

1	Illegal Possession Of Game Fish (Red Drum)
1	Possess Undersized Commercial Fin Fish (Catfish)
1	Take Undersized Commercial Fin Fish (Catfish)
3	Hunting Without Resident License
2	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds With Artificial Light
1	Hunt MGB With Unplugged Gun
4	Hunt MGB Over Baited Area
1	Placing Bait To Take MGB
8	Hunting MGB From Moving Motorboat
1	Wanton Waste Of MGB
7	Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
7	Hunting Ducks Closed Season
1	Possess Over Limit Of Ducks (Field Possession)
1	Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds – No Season
2	Hunt On WMA Without WMA Hunting Permit
4	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations Of WMA By Using Mud Boat With Engine Larger Than 25 HP
3	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations Of WMA By Hunting Without Permit
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations Of WMA By Having Loaded Shotgun In Boat
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations Of WMA By Putting Bait On WMA

2	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations Of WMA By Hunting Ducks After 2 PM
1	Littering
1	Reckless Operation Of Water Vessel
1	Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia
1	Possession Of Schedule II Drug (Cocaine)
1	Gross Littering
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations Of WMA By Possession Of Drugs

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 29	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
12	Boating
2	Angling Without Basic License
1	Angling Without Non-Resident License
3	Angling Without Saltwater License
1	Take Undersized Red Drum (Recreational)
1	Take Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Recreational)
2	Take Undersized Black Drum (Recreational)
1	Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Bow Hunting After 12 PM
2	Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Commercial Fishing
1	Hunting Without Resident License
1	Hunt MGB Without State Stamp

2	Fail To Wear Hunter's Orange
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CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 Marbled Godwit; 1 Greater Yellowlegs; 3 Willets; 8 Short-Billed Dowitchers; 137 catfish; 15 Lbs. Shrimp; 2 Spotted Sea Trout, 11 Red Drum; 24 Black Drum; 2 Rails; 10 Gadwall Ducks; 10 Teal Ducks; 3 Wood Ducks; 9 Mottled Ducks; 54 Coots; 8 Scaup Ducks, 24 Lbs. Sheephead; 8 Bream; 36 Crappies; 19 Gallinules; 1 Canvasback Duck; 1 Readhead Duck; 1 Pintail Duck; 1 Lb. Crack Corn; 1 Rod And Reel; 1 Shotgun; 1 Boat And Motor; 2 Headlights With Batteries; 1 Flashlight; .79 Grams Cocaine; 1 Plastic Pipe; 1 Metal Pipe; Various Lead Shots And Bullets

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

TOTAL 178	DESCRIPTION
29	Boating
7	Commercial Fishing
31	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
4	Miscellaneous
58	Recreational Fishing
18	State Hunting/Trapping
29	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
8	Public Assistance

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**COASTAL WATERS**

TOTAL CASES	33
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
3	Unlawfully Take Oysters From A Private Lease
7	Take Undersized Oysters From Natural Reef
2	Violate Sanitary Code (Refrigeration)
1	Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel
1	Failure To Have Written Permission
1	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Commercial License
3	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
3	Angling Without A Basic License
3	Angling Without A Basic License Non Resident
2	Angling Without A Saltwater License
2	Angling Without A Saltwater License Non Resident
1	Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
170 Sacks Of Oysters, 15 Sheephead, 4 Black Drum

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OSF:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
22	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
11	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
2	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**STATEWIDE**

TOTAL CASES	43
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Transport Without Required License
40	Fail to Report Commercial Fishery Data (warnings)

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
2- Boxes of Live Crabs -150 Pounds (Sold For \$150.00)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SIU:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
43	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping

0	Written Warnings
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TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

S.W.E.P.**COASTAL WATERS**

TOTAL CASES	21
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Boating
1	Angling W/O License
1	No Resident Hunting License
1	No State Duck Stamp
1	Take/Possess Canvasback Closed Season
8	Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
1	No Federal Duck Stamp
4	Hunting MGB W/Electronic Calling Device

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1-Electronic Calling Device; 1-Blue Snow Goose; 4-Ducks

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SWEP:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
14	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
1	Recreational Fishing
2	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

Note:**107 Boats Checked****28 Hours Run**

REFUGE PATROL**MARSH ISLAND, ROCKEFELLER,
STATE WILDLIFE**

TOTAL CASES	5
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Angling Without A License
4	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
None

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REFUGE PATROL:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
4	WMA – Refuges

1	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
1	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Public Assistance

TOTAL CASES: 1,254

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 193

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 51

LaCaze, B "Keith"

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2004-377

OUACHITA PARISH MAN CITED FOR ILLEGALLY TAKING DEER

On November 8, enforcement agents from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries cited Charles J. Spillers II, 27, of West Monroe for taking deer with an illegal weapon, hunting without a big game license and failure to wear hunter's orange. The alleged violations occurred in Ouachita Parish.

Agents responded to a complaint near Avant Road in West Monroe and found Spillers illegally hunting deer without a big game license and without wearing the required hunter's orange. It was also determined that Spillers had allegedly killed a deer in the same location the day before while squirrel hunting.

The investigation led the agents to Spillers' residence where they examined the deer and found it had been shot with #4 shot, illegal for hunting deer. A 12-gauge shotgun and the deer were seized. The deer was donated to charity.

Taking deer with an illegal weapon carries a penalty of up to \$350, jail for not more than 60 days, or both plus, court costs. The penalty for failure to wear hunter's orange and hunting without a big game license is a fine of \$50 each. Spillers was also issued a civil citation for the restitution value of the deer.

Agents participating were Lt. Mike Rockett and Sgt. Lane Kincaid.

EDITORS: For more information, contact Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze at 225/765-2469 (klacaze@wlf.louisiana.gov).

OUACHITA PARISH MAN CITED FOR TAKING OVER LIMIT OF DEER

On November 6, Michel A. Fandal, 42, of West Monroe was cited for taking over the limit of deer and failing to maintain positive sex identification. Enforcement agents from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries entered a camp located west of Farmerville in Union Parish and found two deer dressed and quartered in an ice chest. Proof of sex of the animals had been removed.

During the investigation, Fandal arrived at the camp with a freshly killed doe deer in his truck. During questioning, Fandal allegedly admitted that he had taken a spike buck and a doe on a morning hunt and had taken a doe on the afternoon hunt. Fandal's rifle and the three deer were seized as evidence. The deer were donated to charity.

Taking over the limit of deer and failing to maintain sex identification are both punishable by fines of up to \$500, jail for not more than 90 days, or both, plus court costs. Fandal was also issued three civil citations for the restitution value of the deer.

Agents participating in the case were Lt. Mike Rockett, Sgt. Duane Taylor and Agent Mike Jeter.

EDITORS: For more information, contact Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze at 225/765-2469 (klacaze@wlf.louisiana.gov).

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2004-379

HUNTER CAUGHT WITH ILLEGAL DEER ON KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

On November 6, agents from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries cited Benny E. Fredieu, 56, of Shreveport, in Winn Parish for allegedly killing a doe deer during bucks only season.

Agents questioned Fredieu when he returned to his campsite on Kisatchie National Forest with fresh blood on his hands and clothing. Fredieu admitted to killing a doe deer and took the agents to where he had dressed it in the woods. Agents cited Fredieu for taking an illegal deer during open season and failure to wear hunter's orange. He was also issued a civil summons to pay \$524.54 to LDWF for the deer. The .270-caliber rifle Fredieu used to kill the doe deer was seized for evidence.

Agents participating in the case were Sgt. Marcus Constance and Senior Agent B.J. Shoemaker.

The penalty for taking an illegal deer during open season is a fine of up to \$750, jail for not more than 30 days, or both. Failure to wear hunter's orange is punishable by a fine of \$50, jail for not more than 15 days, or both.

EDITORS: For more information, contact Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze at 225/765-2469 (klacaze@wlf.louisiana.gov).

2004-380

NIGHT HUNTER NABBED IN WINN PARISH

Agents from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division cited Royce D. McManus, 38, of Montgomery, on November 3 in Winn Parish for allegedly killing a deer illegally before dawn.

Agents received a complaint of a deer being killed illegally and found McManus leaving the area with fresh remains of a doe deer in the back of his truck. Upon questioning, McManus stated that he had killed the deer the previous day. As agents prepared to perform forensic tests on the remains to determine the time of death, McManus admitted that he had killed the deer around 2:30 a.m. with a .22-caliber rimfire rifle and gave a voluntary written statement. McManus was then cited for taking a deer during illegal hours and taking a deer with an illegal weapon. McManus was also issued a civil summons to pay \$524.54 to LDWF for the deer. The rifle and flashlight were seized for evidence. The deer was seized and donated to charity.

The penalty for hunting deer during illegal hours is a fine of up to \$950, jail for up to 120 days, or both, plus court costs and forfeiture of anything seized. Taking a deer with an illegal weapon is punishable by a fine of up to \$350, jail for not more than 60 days, or both, plus court costs.

Agents participating in the case were Sgt. Michael Bonner and Senior Agent Rusty Perry.

EDITORS: For more information, contact Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze at 225/765-2469 (klacaze@wlf.louisiana.gov).

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2004-381

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH NIGHT HUNTERS CAUGHT

On November 19, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents cited two men in West Baton Rouge Parish for allegedly hunting deer and rabbits during illegal hours.

Edwin Bordelon, 72, of Port Allen and Jeremy Armand, 28, of Gonzales were apprehended after shots were fired in a wooded area under surveillance. A 30-06 rifle, a .22-caliber rifle and a headlight were seized and are being held as evidence. The subjects were apprehended and cited for hunting deer during illegal hours and for hunting rabbits during illegal hours.

The penalty for hunting deer during illegal hours is a fine of up to \$950, jail for not more than 120 days, or both, plus court costs. The penalty for hunting rabbits during illegal hours is a fine of up to \$500, jail for not more than 90 days, or both, plus court costs.

Agents participating in the case were Sergeants Donald Vallet and Brad Garon, and Senior Agents Cliff Ortis and Channing Duvall.

EDITORS: For more information, contact Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze at 225/765-2469 (klacaze@wlf.louisiana.gov).

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT
NOVEMBER 2004

185 – Amph. – 61092
Hrs. - 30.8

185 – Amph. – 1322R
Hrs. - 32.8

210 – 9467Y
Hrs. - 41.2

Enforcement Hours -33.3

Other Division - 71.5

Total Plane Use - 104.8

**CITATION AND WARNING TOTALS ON
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS**

REGION I

Citations	14
<u>Warnings</u>	<u>20</u>
TOTAL	34

TOTAL CITATIONS FOR NOV. 04

387

TOTAL WARNINGS FOR NOV. 04

88

REGION II

Citations	33
<u>Warnings</u>	<u>9</u>
TOTAL	42

REGION III

Citations	121
<u>Warnings</u>	<u>14</u>
TOTAL	135

REGION IV

Citations	68
<u>Warnings</u>	<u>12</u>
TOTAL	80

REGION V

Citations	36
<u>Warnings</u>	<u>11</u>
TOTAL	47

REGION VI

Citations	27
<u>Warnings</u>	<u>12</u>
TOTAL	39

REGION VII

Citations	35
<u>Warnings</u>	<u>6</u>
TOTAL	41

REGION VIII

Citations	13
<u>Warnings</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	14

REGION IX

Citations	40
<u>Warnings</u>	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	43

WMA PUBLIC CONTACTS

REGION 1

Hunting	670
Fishing	16
Other	<u>7</u>
Total	693

REGION 2

Hunting	1309
Fishing	11
Other	<u>83</u>
Total	1403

REGION 3

Hunting	372
Fishing	40
Other	<u>67</u>
Total	479

REGION 4

Hunting	4547
Fishing	263
Other	<u>78</u>
Total	4888

REGION 5

Hunting	369
Fishing	3
Other	<u>8</u>
Total	380

REGION 6

Hunting	981
Fishing	83
Other	<u>147</u>
Total	1211

REGION 7

Hunting	173
Fishing	-0-
Other	<u>60</u>
Total	233

REGION 8

Hunting	182
Fishing	181
Other	<u>45</u>
Total	408

REGION 9

Hunting	479
Fishing	230
Other	<u>137</u>
Total	846

TOTAL HUNTING	9082
TOTAL FISHING	827
TOTAL OTHER	632

GRAND TOTAL 10,541

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

December 2, 2004

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge LA, December 2, 2004.

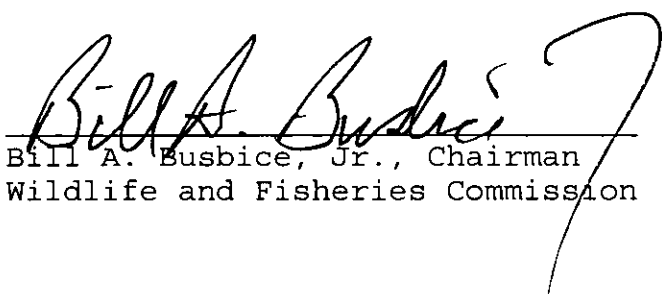
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RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend the turkey rules and regulations for the 2005 season.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§113. Turkey Hunting Regulations

A. Daily limit is one gobbler, two gobblers per season. Taking of hen turkeys, including bearded hens, is illegal. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited.

B. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.

C. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

D. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closure.

E. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries strongly discourages feeding agricultural grains to wild turkeys as this practice increases the risk of birds contracting potentially lethal diseases. Repeatedly placing grain in the same area may expose otherwise healthy birds to disease contaminated soils, grain containing lethal toxins and other diseased turkeys using the same feeding site. Properly distributed food plots (clovers, wheat, millet and chufa) are far more desirable for turkeys and have the added benefit of appealing to a wide variety of wildlife.

F. It is unlawful to take from the wild or possess in captivity any live wild turkeys or their eggs. No pen raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

G. All licensed turkey hunters are required to have a Turkey Stamp in their possession while turkey hunting in addition to basic and big game hunting licenses. Additionally, a WMA Hunting Permit

is required of any person (age 18-59) who hunts on land administered by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, including Wildlife Management Areas, Wildlife Refuges, and Habitat Conservation Areas.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2263 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2375 (November 2002), LR 29:2512 (November 2003), LR 30: (December 2004).

§115. Statewide Turkey Hunting Areas-Resident Game Birds and Animals

A. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Turkey	See Schedule	1	2/Season

B. Turkey season will open in designated areas on the fourth Saturday in March. The Area A turkey season will be 30 consecutive days in length, the Area B turkey season will be 23 consecutive days in length, and the Area C turkey season will be 9 consecutive days in length. Wildlife Management Areas, National Forests, National Wildlife Refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land may vary from this framework. Deviation from this framework may occur in those years when the fourth Saturday in March falls the day before Easter.

C. Statewide Youth Turkey Season on private lands shall be the weekend prior to the statewide turkey season. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. Youth must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm or bow. Youths may possess only one firearm or bow while hunting. Legal weapons and shot are the same as described for the turkey season. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Only one gobbler per day may be taken and any gobbler taken by the youth during this special season counts towards their seasonal bag limit of 2.

D. 2005 Turkey Hunting Schedule

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 25 - April 24
B	March 25 - April 17
C	March 25 - April 3
Private Lands Youth Hunt	March 19 - 20

E. 2005 Turkey Hunting Season - Open Only in the Following Areas

1. Area A - March 25 - April 24
 - a. All of the following parishes are open:
 - i. Beauregard;

- ii. East Baton Rouge;
- iii. East Feliciana;
- iv. LaSalle;
- v. Livingston;
- vi. Natchitoches (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);

- vii. Sabine;
- viii. St. Helena;
- ix. St. Tammany;
- x. Tangipahoa;
- xi. Vernon (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);

- xii. Washington;
- xiii. West Baton Rouge;
- xiv. West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island).

- xv. Winn (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

- i. Allen: North of LA 104, west of LA 26 south of junction of LA 104 to US 190, north of US 190 east of Kinder, west of US 165 south of Kinder;

- ii. Avoyelles: That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the north by Red River to the

Brouillette Community, on the west by LA 452 from Brouillette to LA 1, on the south by LA 1, eastward to Hamburg, thence by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection levee southward;

iii. Calcasieu: North of I-10;

iv. Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line;

v. Catahoula: West of Ouachita River southward to LA 559 at Duty Ferry, north of LA 559 to LA 124, south and west of LA 124 from Duty Ferry to LA 8 at Harrisonburg and north and west of LA 8 to LaSalle Parish line. ALSO that portion lying east of LA 15;

vi. Concordia: That portion east of LA 15 and west of US 65 from its juncture with LA 15 at Clayton;

vii. Evangeline: North and west of LA 115, north of LA 106 from St. Landry to LA 13, west of LA 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of LA 104 west of Mamou;

viii. Franklin: That portion lying east of LA 17 and east of LA 15 from its juncture with LA 17 at Winnsboro;

ix. Grant: All of the parish except that portion of land that lies north of the Red River between US 71 and LA 8. Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates;

x. Iberville: West of LA 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

xi. Jefferson Davis: North of US 190 from junction with LA 26 to Kinder, west of US 165 and north of I-10 west from junction of US 165;

xii. Madison: That portion lying east of US 65 from East Carroll Parish line to US 80 and south of US 80. Also, all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

xiii. Pointe Coupee: All of the parish except that portion bounded on the north by LA Hwy. 1, from Innis to the junction of LA Hwy 417, on the west by LA Hwy. 417 southward toward McCrea, on the south by LA Hwy. 417 from McCrea to its junction with Delhi Lane, then by Delhi Lane to LA Hwy. 418, then LA Hwy. 418 northward to LA Hwy. 1 at Innis. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

xiv. Rapides: All of the parish except that portion of lands that lies north of the Red River and south of US 71 from its juncture with the Red River northward to the Grant Parish line. Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest season dates;

xv. Richland: That portion south of US 80 and east of LA 17;

xvi. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and on the east by the Atchafalaya River. EXCEPTION: the Indian Bayou Area, see Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Indian Bayou Area dates;

xvii. Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTIONS: Sherburne WMA and Indian Bayou Area, see WMA Turkey Hunting Schedule for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne WMA boundaries and see Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Indian Bayou dates;

xviii. Tensas: That portion west of US 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with LA 128, north of LA 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

2. Area B - March 25 - April 17

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Bienville;
- ii. Bossier;
- iii. Caddo;
- iv. Claiborne (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);
- v. DeSoto;
- vi. Jackson;
- vii. Lincoln;
- viii. Red River;
- ix. Union;
- x. Webster (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River;

ii. East Carroll: East of US 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;

iii. Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River;

iv. Ouachita: East of LA 143 from Union Parish line to US 80 in West Monroe, north of US 80 to LA 139, west of LA 139 to the Morehouse Parish line;

v. Morehouse: West of US 165 from the Arkansas line to Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to US 165, north of US 165 to LA 139, west of LA 139 to Ouachita Parish line;

3. Area C - March 25 - April 3

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Catahoula: That portion lying south of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, west and north of LA 8 to LA 15, west of LA 15 to Deer Creek;

ii. Concordia: North and east of Sugar Mill Chute (Concordia Parish) from the state line westward to Red River, east of Red River northward to Cocodrie Bayou, east of Cocodrie Bayou northward to US 84, south of US 84 eastward to LA 15 (Ferriday), east of LA 15 northward to US 65 (Clayton), east of US

65 northward to Tensas Parish line;

iii. Franklin: That portion lying west of LA 17, from Richland Parish line to LA 577 at Crowville, north of LA 577 to LA 15 at Baskin, east of LA 15 to Big Creek, and south and east of Big Creek to Richland Parish line. Also, that portion east of Turkey Creek Lake, Turkey Creek and Boeuf River, north of Deer Creek, west of LA 15 and south of LA 562;

iv. Richland: West of LA 17 from Franklin Parish line to Ringle Rd., south of Ringle Rd. to Ferguson Rd., south of Ferguson Rd. to Little Rd., south of Little Rd. to Big Creek, east of Big Creek to Franklin Parish line;

v. Tensas: East and south of US 65 from Concordia Parish line to LA 128, south of LA 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

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§117. 2005 Wildlife Management Area Turkey - Hunting Regulations

A. General

1. The following rules and regulations concerning management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially

approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject the individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

2. Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed are open to turkey hunting.

3. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT in designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM. All roads including trails and roads designated as ATV only trails shall be closed to ATVs from March 1 through August 31 unless otherwise specified. ATV off-road or off-trail travel is prohibited. Certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes. These trails will be marked by signs at the entrance of the trail. Otherwise, only walk-in hunting is permitted (bicycles permitted).

4. Bag limits on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. Only one turkey is allowed to be taken during special lottery hunts.

B. Permits

1. Self-Clearing Permits: All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing. Hunters must check in daily by obtaining a permit from a self-clearing station prior to hunting. The self-clearing permit must be in the hunter's possession while

hunting. Upon completion of each days hunt, the hunter must check out by completing and depositing the hunter report portion of the permit in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

2. Lottery Hunts: Bayou Macon, Boise-Vernon, Loggy Bayou, Sabine, Sherburne, Sicily Island, Tunica Hills, Union and West Bay WMAs are restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Special youth only lottery hunts will be held on Big Lake, Bens Creek, Fort Polk/Peason Ridge, Jackson-Bienville, Loggy Bayou, Sherburne, Union and West Bay WMAs. Deadline for receiving applications for all lottery hunts is February 15, 2005. An application fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants may submit only one application and will be selected for one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Contact any district office for applications. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Youths chosen for special youth only hunts will be guided by members of the Louisiana Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. One family member may accompany the youth and guide, but may not hunt.

C. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule*

WMA	Season Dates	Permit Requirements	Lottery Dates**
Bayou Macon	April 9-10	Self-Clearing	April 9-10
Bens Creek ¹	March 25-April 17	Self-Clearing	None
Big Lake	March 25-April 3	Self-Clearing	None
Bodcau	March 25-April 10	Self-Clearing	None
Boeuf	March 25-April 3	Self-Clearing	None

Boise Vernon	March 25-27 April 2-24	Self-Clearing	March 25-27 April 2-3
Camp Beauregard	March 25-April 10	Self-Clearing	None
Fort Polk	March 25-April 24	Self-Clearing	None
Grassy Lake	March 25-April 10	Self-Clearing	None
Hutchinson Creek	March 25-April 24	Self-Clearing	None
Jackson- Bienville	March 25-April 10	Self-Clearing	None
Lake Ramsey	March 25-April 10	Self-Clearing	None
Little River	March 25-April 10	Self-Clearing	None
Loggy Bayou	April 16-17	Self-Clearing	April 16-17
Pearl River	March 25-April 17	Self-Clearing	None
Peason Ridge	March 25-April 24	Self-Clearing	None
Pomme de Terre	March 25-April 10	Self-Clearing	None
Red River	March 25-April 3	Self-Clearing	None
Sabine	March 25-27 April 2-3	Self-Clearing	March 25-27 April 2-3
Sandy Hollow ¹	March 25-April 17	Self-Clearing	None
Sherburne ²	March 25-April 3	Self-Clearing	March 25-27 March 28-30
Sicily Island	March 25-April 3	Self-Clearing	March 25-28 March 29-31 April 1-3
Three Rivers	March 25-April 3	Self-Clearing	None
Tunica Hills South Tract	March 25-27 April 2-3 April 9-10 April 11-17	Self-Clearing	March 25-27 April 2-3 April 9-10
Tunica Hills Angola Tract ³	March 25-27 April 2-3 April 9-10 April 11-17	Self-Clearing	March 25-27 April 2-3 April 9-10
Union	April 9-10	Self-Clearing	April 9-10
Walnut Hills	March 25-April 24	Self-Clearing	None
West Bay	March 25-27 April 2-3	Self-Clearing	March 25-27 April 2-3

*Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed have a turkey hunting season. All other areas are closed.

****The deadline for receiving applications for all turkey Lottery Hunts on WMAs is February 15, 2005.**

¹No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

²All turkeys harvested on Sherburne WMA must be weighed and checked at WMA headquarters.

³Scouting access limited. Contact Region 7 office for details (225) 765-2360.

D. Wildlife Management Area Youth Hunts

WMA	Lottery Youth Hunt Date
Bens Creek	March 19
Big Lake	March 19
Fort Polk/Peason Ridge	March 19
Jackson-Bienville	March 19
Loggy Bayou	April 9
Sherburne	March 19
Union	April 2
West Bay	March 19

E. Federal Lands Turkey Hunting Schedule

1. Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) turkey hunting schedule: Caney Ranger District, March 25-April 10; all remaining KNF lands, March 25-April 17 (including Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves).

2. Indian Bayou Area (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), turkey hunting schedule: March 19 handicap only hunt, March 25 - April 3, lottery hunt only on March 25 - 27 and March 28 - 30. Contact USCOE at 337-585-0853 for further information.

3. National Wildlife Refuges: Bogue Chitto NWR, March 25 - April 24; Lake Ophelia NWR, March 25 - April 1, April 9 - 24; Tensas NWR, March 19 - 20 (youth lottery only), March 25 - April 10. Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for information regarding NWR hunts.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission LR 25:2265 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2636 (November 2000), LR 27:2272 (December 2001), LR 28:2377 (November 2002), LR 29:2514 (November 2003), LR 30: (December 2004).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission pursuant to the authority granted under R.S. 56:501 hereby proposes to adopt the following rule providing for the harvest of any freshwater shrimp species in freshwater areas of the state, notwithstanding the provisions in R.S. 56:501, or any other law to the contrary, and repeals LAC 76:VII.701.D.10.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§102. Freshwater Shrimp, Commercial Harvest

A. A properly licensed commercial fisherman may take any freshwater shrimp species in freshwater areas of the state, except in those freshwater areas of the state where commercial fishing is prohibited by law.

B. In addition to other legal methods of take as provided for in Title 56, any freshwater shrimp species may be taken with a "freshwater shrimp trap."

C. A "freshwater shrimp trap" shall mean any device completely enclosed with an outside wire mesh not smaller than one-quarter inch, constructed with throats or flues not larger than one and one-half inches in diameter at their narrowest point, which is

used for the sole purpose of taking freshwater shrimp in accordance with this Section. Other bait species may be taken when legally fishing a "freshwater shrimp trap." No game fish species can be taken while fishing a "freshwater shrimp trap" in accordance with this Section.

D. Violations. No person shall take or possess freshwater shrimp except as authorized by this Section. Any person found to be in violation of any provision of this Section shall be guilty of a class two violation and punished in accordance with the provisions applicable to R.S. 56:32.

Authority Note: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:501.

Historical Note: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR .

Chapter 7. Experimental Fisheries Programs

§701. Permits

A. - D.9. * * *

~~10. Experimental Freshwater River Shrimp (Macrobrachium Ohione) Permit~~

~~a. May experimentally fish a wire mesh shrimp net, 1/4 inch bar, 6 feet in length in the Intercoastal Canal and Mississippi River within 1.5 miles of the boat ramp adjacent to the locks in Port Allen.~~

~~b. Only freshwater river shrimp may be taken, all other species shall be immediately returned to waters from which they were caught, no other fish may be in the possession of the~~

~~permittee.~~

~~c. The permittee shall have the permit in possession at all times when using permitted gear; permittee shall be on board permitted vessel when operating under conditions of permit.~~

~~d. The permitted gear must be properly licensed as a Shrimp Trawl and may be fished in freshwater areas only.~~

~~e. Permitted gear must be marked using a 1 gallon jug painted international orange and marked with black lettering; the word "experimental" and the permit number should be legibly displayed on the jug.~~

~~f. This permit may be canceled at any time if in the judgment of the Secretary or his designee, the permit is being used for purposes other than that for which the permit was issued.~~

~~g. Violating any provision or regulations of the experimental fishery permit shall deem a person not to be operating under the provisions of the program and shall subject the individual to the statutory requirements and penalties as provided for in Title 56.~~

1011. Experimental Freshwater Minnow Dip Net Permit

a. May experimentally fish for bait fishes with a wire mesh dip net, 1/4 inch bar, no greater than 3 feet cylindrical open end net shaped in a cone, affixed to a handle that may be attached to a boat and is held by hand.

b. Only freshwater minnows may be taken; all

threatened, endangered, specifically protected and game fish species (as defined in R.S. 56:327A) shall be immediately returned to waters from which they were caught.

c. Permittee may only possess minnows taken under this permit and legal freshwater commercial species.

d. The permittee shall have the permit in possession at all times when using permitted gear; permittee shall be on board permitted vessel when operating under conditions of permit.

e. The permitted gear must be properly licensed as a Commercial Dip Net and may be fished in freshwater areas only.

f. Permittee may only possess the permitted gear and set lines while fishing under the permit.

g. Permittee may possess or fish no more than 2 dip nets as described in Subparagraph a above on board a vessel under this permit.

h. Permitted gear handle must be painted with international orange paint.

i. This permit may be canceled at any time if in the judgment of the Secretary or his designee, the permit is being used for purposes other than that for which the permit was issued.

j. Violating any provisions or regulations of the experimental fishery permit shall deem a person not to be operating under the provisions of the program and shall subject the individual to the statutory requirements and penalties as provided

for in R.S. 56:32.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:571.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 12:119 (February 1986), LR 12:847 (December 1986), amended by the Office of Fisheries, LR 15:1098 (December 1989), LR 28:1601 (July 2002), LR 29:49 (January 2003), LR .

Interested persons may submit written comments of the proposed rule to Bennie Fontenot, Administrator, Inland Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, February 3, 2005.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set forth out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

Toledo Bend Fishing Regulations - Uniformity LA/TX

Spotted Bass

	<u>Louisiana</u>	<u>Texas</u>
Present Size Limit	12" Minimum	12" Minimum
Proposed Size Limit	No Minimum	No Minimum

Yellow Bass

	<u>Louisiana</u>	<u>Texas</u>
Present Creel Limit	50 daily	No daily creel limit
Proposed Creel Limit	No daily creel limit	No daily creel limit

Filet Regulations

Implement filet regulation on La. Side of Toledo Bend as follows: "No Person shall possess any filets of any fish species while on water."
The filet regulation is already in existence on the Texas side of Toledo Bend

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby gives notice of its intent to amend the rule establishing bass regulations for Toledo Bend Reservoir.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§110. Toledo Bend Reciprocal Agreement

A. The recreational daily creel limit (daily take) for ~~black~~ Largemouth bass (Micropterus salmoides) and spotted bass (Micropterus spp.) punctulatus is set at eight fish, in aggregate. The minimum total length limit for largemouth bass (M. salmoides) is 14 inches ~~and the minimum total length limit for spotted bass (M. punctulatus) is 12 inches.~~ There is no minimum length limit on spotted bass. ~~For enforcement purposes, a spotted bass shall be defined as a black bass with a tooth patch.~~

B. The daily creel limit for white bass (Morone chrysops) is 25 fish and there is no minimum total length limit.

~~BC.~~ This rule will become effective September 1, 1997. There is no limit on the daily take of Yellow Bass (Morone mississippiensis).

~~CD.~~ No person shall possess any species of fish in excess of

a one day creel limit while on the water. No person shall at any time possess in excess of the daily creel limit of any species, except that a two day creel limit may be possessed on land, if the fish were caught on more than one day and no daily creel limits were exceeded. No person shall possess any filets of any fish species while on the water. For all species of fish, the possession limit for recreational anglers, while on the water, shall be a one day's creel limit.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25) (a), R.S. 56:325(C), R.S. 56:326.3, R.S. 56:673.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 14:548 (August 1988), amended LR 17:278 (March 1991), LR 17:1123 (November 1991), LR 19:790 (June 1993), LR 23:999 (August 1997), LR 31: .

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Chairman

RESOLUTION

2004 COMMERCIAL SHALLOW WATER GROUPER CLOSURE

December 2, 2004

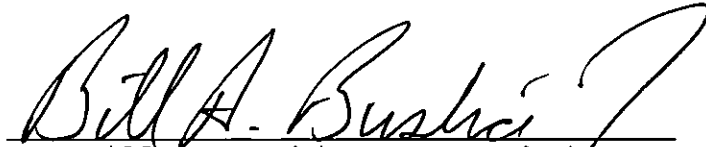
- WHEREAS, the shallow-water grouper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and
- WHEREAS, the shallow-water grouper fishery is composed of eight species of grouper (red, black, gag, yellowfin, scamp, and yellowmouth groupers, rock hind, and red hind) that are harvested in waters off of Louisiana, and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, rules for commercial harvest of shallow-water grouper are established by NMFS, to provide for a commercial harvest quota for shallow-water grouper in the Gulf of Mexico EEZ, and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has received notice from the Gulf Council and NMFS that the commercial quota for the shallow-water grouper fishery was projected to have been filled on November 15, 2004, for the first time, and
- WHEREAS, the NMFS and the Gulf Council have sent notice to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries requesting consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and
- WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby closes the 2004 commercial fishery for harvest of shallow-water groupers in Louisiana state waters, effective 12:01 a.m., on December 3, 2004 until 12:01 a.m., January 1, 2005, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to re-open and re-close the commercial shallow-water grouper fishery season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season for the commercial harvest of shallow-water grouper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein has been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency closing the 2004 commercial shallow-water grouper fishery in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.



Mr. Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2004 Commercial Shallow-Water Grouper Closure

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares:

Effective 12:01 a.m., December 3, 2004, the commercial fishery for shallow-water groupers (red, black, gag, yellowfin, scamp and yellowmouth groupers, rock hind and red hind) in Louisiana waters, as described in LAC 76:VII.357.B.1 will close and remain closed until 12:01 a.m., January 1, 2005. Nothing herein shall preclude the legal harvest of shallow-water grouper by legally licensed recreational fishermen during the open season for recreational harvest.

Effective with this closure, no person shall commercially harvest, possess, purchase, exchange, barter, trade, sell, or attempt to purchase, exchange, barter, trade, or sell shallow-water groupers whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters. Also effective with this closure, no person shall possess shallow-water groupers in excess of a daily bag limit, which may only be in possession during the open recreational season. Nothing

shall prohibit the possession or sale of fish by a commercial dealer if legally taken prior to the closure providing that all commercial dealers possessing shallow-water groupers taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to re-open and close the commercial season for shallow-water groupers in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of shallow-water groupers in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has been notified by the National Marine Fisheries Service that the commercial quota for shallow-water groupers was projected to be reached on November 15, 2004, and that the Federal season closure is necessary to ensure that the quota for shallow-water grouper for 2004 is not exceeded.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

2004 COMMERCIAL SHALLOW WATER GROUPER CLOSURE

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Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend and enact provisions for special licenses and license fee waivers.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part I. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

and Agencies Thereunder

Chapter 3. Special Powers and Duties

Subchapter H. Electronic Licenses Issuance

§327. Recreational Electronic Licensing

A. - O. * * *

~~— P. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing license the Department may issue a special Outdoor Press Fishing License to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include basic and saltwater fishing; in lieu of basic hunting and Louisiana duck license the Department may issue a special Outdoor Press Hunting License to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include migratory bird hunting and Louisiana duck license.~~

~~— 1. A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each outdoor press fishing license issued and the license shall be valid for a period of four consecutive days; a fee of twenty~~

~~dollars will be charged for each Outdoor Press Hunting License and the license shall be valid for a period of three consecutive days; or a fee of twenty dollars will be charged for both if purchased for periods that begin on the same date.~~

~~2. All Outdoor Press licenses will be issued from the Baton Rouge Headquarters location.~~

~~3. To qualify for certification an applicant must submit to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism one or more of the following:~~

~~a. Recent tear sheets of published articles;~~

~~b. Letter of assignment from publication, television or radio company;~~

~~c. A written recommendation from one of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's international offices;~~

~~d. A written recommendation from Travel South USA, Louisiana Travel Promotion Association or similar organizations;~~

~~4. In no case will the Department of Culture, Recreational and Tourism forward an application from any individual or group not directly involved in producing stories or broadcast materials pertaining to Louisiana fishing and/or outdoor recreation opportunities.~~

~~5. Certified applications with all supporting documents and license fees shall be forwarded to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for approval. The license fee shall be returned to the applicant for any application not certified by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism or approved by the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.~~

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(21), R.S. 56:641.1 and R.S. 56:647.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Office of Management and Finance, LR 24:505 (March 1998), amended by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 26:1078 (May 2000), amended by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Office of Management and Finance, LR 27:1243 (August 2001), amended by Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 28:354 (February 2002), LR 28:2570 (December 2002), LR 31: .

Subchapter I. Special Licenses and License Fee Waivers

§329. Outdoor Press Licenses

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing license, the ~~Department~~ Secretary may issue a ~~special Outdoor Press Fishing License~~ letter of waiver of license fees for fishing to a nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include basic and saltwater fishing. ~~in lieu~~

~~of basic hunting and Louisiana duck license~~ For the purpose of
hunting, the Department Secretary may issue a special Outdoor
Press Hunting License letter of waiver of license fees for
hunting to nonresident members of the outdoor press which will
include basic hunting, big game, bow, muzzleloader, turkey,
Louisiana duck license and WMA hunting permit and who meet all
other legal requirements to obtain a hunting license. ~~to~~
~~nonresident members of the outdoor press which will include~~
~~migratory bird hunting and Louisiana duck license.~~

1. A fee of twenty dollars will be charged for each
outdoor press fishing license issued. ~~and the license~~ Each
letter of authorization to fish under this provision shall be
valid for a period of four consecutive days. ~~or a~~ A fee of twenty
dollars will be charged for each Outdoor Press Hunting License.
~~and the license~~ Each letter of authorization for hunting shall
be valid for a period of ~~three~~ five consecutive days. ~~or a~~ A
fee of twenty dollars will be charged for both if purchased for
periods that begin on the same date. Be it further provided
that the Secretary may waive the above referenced fees in
accordance with law.

2. ~~All Outdoor Press licenses~~ Each letter of
authorization will be issued from the Baton Rouge Headquarters
location.

3. To qualify for certification an applicant must submit to the Department of Culture, ~~Recreation and Tourism~~ Wildlife and Fisheries an original completed application form with a legible photo static copy of the applicant's driver's license and one or more of the following:

a. Recent tear sheets of published articles; or
b. Letter of assignment from publication, television or radio company.

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~~d. A written recommendation from Travel South USA, Louisiana Travel Promotion Association or similar organizations;~~

4. In no case will the ~~Department of Culture, Recreational and Tourism~~ forward Department of Wildlife and Fisheries approve an application from any individual or group not directly involved in producing stories or broadcast materials pertaining to Louisiana fishing and/or outdoor recreation opportunities.

5. ~~Certified~~ Only certified applications with all supporting documents and applicable license fees shall be ~~forwarded to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for approval.~~ The license fee shall be returned to the applicant

~~for any application not certified by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism or approved by the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.~~ considered for approval.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:647.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

§331. Special Disability Fishing and Hunting Licenses

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing licenses the Department may issue a Special Disability Fishing License to residents who qualify as "developmentally disabled" as defined in R.S. 28:751; and in lieu of basic hunting, big game hunting, bow, muzzleloader, turkey stamp, and duck hunting licenses, and WMA hunting permit, the Department may issue a Special Disability Hunting License to residents who qualify as "developmentally disabled" as defined in R.S. 28:751 and who meet all other legal requirements to obtain a hunting license. Developmentally disabled may include, but is not limited to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, downs syndrome, spina bifida, and muscular sclerosis.

1. Special Disability licenses shall be issued annually and will be exempt from license fees.

2. Anyone fishing with a Special Disability Fishing license must be accompanied by a validly licensed fisherman.

Anyone hunting with a Special Disability Hunting license must be accompanied by a validly licensed hunter.

3. All Special Disability Fishing and Hunting licenses shall be issued from the Baton Rouge Headquarters location.

4. To qualify for Special Disability licenses an applicant must submit to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the following:

a. A valid Louisiana Driver's license or Identification Card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles;

b. A completed application form for Developmentally Disabled license(s);

c. Proof that applicant has resided in Louisiana consecutively for the immediate twelve months prior to making application as required by the Department (i.e. resident driver's license of guardian or care giver, voter's registration card, vehicle registration, certification by guardian or care giver, etc.).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:104, R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:302.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

§333. Charitable Organizations, Youth Groups and Schools

A. In lieu of recreational basic fishing and recreational saltwater fishing licenses the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver of fees for bona fide charitable organizations, youth groups or schools. For the purpose of hunting, the Secretary may issue a letter of waiver of license fees for hunting to members of bona fide charitable organizations, youth groups or schools who meet all other legal requirements to obtain a hunting license, which will include basic hunting, big game, bow, muzzleloader, turkey, Louisiana duck license and WMA hunting permit.

B. Evidence of such status shall be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

C. Each letter authorizing a waiver of fees under this provision shall be valid for a period not to exceed 3 consecutive days.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:104, R.S. 56:109 and R.S. 56:302.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the

notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule to Janis Landry, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, February 3, 2005.

In accordance with Act No. 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman



State of Louisiana

KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO
GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

DWIGHT LANDRENEAU
SECRETARY

November 16, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Members
FROM: Don Puckett, General Counsel
SUBJECT: Amendment of Bylaws

As we discussed at the last meeting, I have prepared an Amendment to the Bylaws which would address the comment card as well as speaker protocol. Please feel free to suggest changes to this draft in any way you see fit. Perhaps the best procedure would be for any of you who do have comments or suggestions for changes to send those directly to Chairman Busbice so that he can collect the comments and provide me with a single proposal for changes. At that point I will make any requested changes, and the revised Amendment will be placed in the packet for the December meeting.

ARTICLE II

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CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

In order to maximize public participation in the deliberative process, accurately record public sentiment on matters being considered by the commission, and conduct an orderly and efficient meeting, the following procedures shall apply:

All persons wishing to address the commission on any item being considered shall complete a comment card on a form to be supplied by the Commission. All persons not wishing to speak, but wishing to provide comments to the Commission on matters being considered, shall also complete a comment card.

All speakers will conduct themselves in a decorous and courteous manner. Speakers are encouraged to limit their presentations to five (5) minutes each; provided however that the chairman may shorten the permitted speaking time based upon the length of the agenda and the number of persons requesting to speak on any given agenda item.

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April 2005						
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SCHEDULE FOR FINAL RULES TO BE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER

NOV-04	RULE - DMAP & LADT Programs
	RULE - Spotted Seatrout Management Measures
	RULE - Recreational & Commercial Harvests; Prohibitions (Alligator Snapping Turtles)
DEC-04	RULE - 2005 Turkey Season
	RULE - Alligator Regulations (Permanent Opening Date)
JAN-05	RULE - Removal of Abandoned Crab Traps
MAR-05	RULE - Designation and Taking of Exotic Fish

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PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,603.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,832.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
Total FY 1994	476	\$425,242.00	(\$68,670.00)	379	\$71,474.00	\$45,547.00	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$96,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20	\$1,010.00	\$605.00		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,426.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May., 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
Total FY 1995	534	\$437,347.00	(\$26,049.00)	374	\$49,726.00	\$29,543.00	18.1%	70.0%
FISCAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1995	0	\$0.00						
Aug., 1995	46	\$17,425.00		27	\$9,028.00	\$1,729.00		
Sept., 1995	1	\$125.00		21	\$3,093.00	\$2,049.00		
Oct., 1995	122	\$206,244.00		29	\$2,720.00	\$1,161.00		
Nov., 1995	55	\$23,124.00		62	\$10,151.00	\$6,383.00		
Dec., 1995	50	\$18,607.26		32	\$4,780.66	\$2,802.76		
Jan., 1996	49	\$13,814.88	(\$15,296.45)	36	\$5,296.51	\$3,472.89		
Feb., 1996	50	\$14,716.97		38	\$5,777.53	\$3,416.91		
Mar., 1996	33	\$24,936.91		36	\$6,035.12	\$3,421.75		
Apr., 1996	30	\$11,006.66		36	\$7,173.12	\$2,711.54		
May., 1996	23	\$7,989.34		24	\$3,941.69	\$2,020.29		
June 1996	50	\$22,151.31		16	\$2,790.02	\$1,182.23		
Total FY 1996	509	\$360,141.33	(\$15,296.45)	357	\$60,786.65	\$30,350.37	25.3%	70.1%
FISCAL YEAR 1996-97								
July, 1996	40	\$71,894.13		32	\$5,249.93	\$2,947.96		
Aug., 1996	32	\$5,362.64		32	\$6,254.59	\$3,783.69		
Sept., 1996	41	\$7,210.00		29	\$2,259.96	\$1,326.58		
Oct., 1996	29	\$11,092.53		25	\$3,697.89	\$2,261.98		
Nov., 1996	20	\$10,009.10		22	\$1,624.63	\$698.02		
Dec., 1996	13	\$238,466.04		22	\$5,877.18	\$2,121.53		
Jan., 1997	27	\$11,755.22		17	\$4,393.30	\$2,377.09		
Feb., 1997	47	\$18,520.87		42	\$8,579.84	\$5,552.63		
Mar., 1997	26	\$13,434.02		27	\$4,999.59	\$2,757.67		
Apr., 1997	10	\$2,908.87		15	\$2,322.88	\$1,298.66		
May., 1997	20	\$11,682.70		15	\$5,198.91	\$1,399.21		
June 1997	5	\$8,036.58		10	\$2,335.24	\$765.34		
Total FY 1997	310	\$410,372.70	\$0.00	288	\$52,793.94	\$27,290.36	19.5%	92.9%
FISCAL YEAR 1997 - 98								
July, 1997	10	\$2,811.71		8	\$1,584.67	\$823.11		
Aug., 1997	14	\$8,741.30		8	\$1,496.49	\$779.14		
Sept., 1997	29	\$19,926.37		12	\$2,051.78	\$1,278.04		
Oct., 1997	12	\$4,716.81		23	\$3,184.83	\$2,063.89		
Nov., 1997	23	\$54,965.34		10	\$2,424.86	\$1,218.28		
Dec., 1997	25	\$36,881.09		15	\$4,376.97	\$2,775.66		

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Jan., 1998	42	\$30,025.81		17	\$5,300.40	\$3,533.86		
Feb., 1998	37	\$31,164.95		29	\$22,981.69	\$8,501.18		
Mar., 1998	9	\$13,273.45		32	\$9,406.56	\$4,371.53		
Apr., 1998	10	\$5,628.21		10	\$2,602.62	\$1,279.77		
May., 1998	0	\$225.00		8	\$2,885.02	\$950.46		
June 1998	5	\$2,414.03		6	\$1,041.54	\$98.00		

Total FY 1998	216	\$210,774.07	\$0.00	178	\$59,317.43	\$27,672.72	41.3%	82.4%
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FISCAL YEAR 1998 - 99

July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,964.20	\$716.75
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41
May., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00
June 1999	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83

Total FY 1999	213	\$128,060.97	\$0.00	205	\$47,054.87	\$23,405.58	55.0%	96.2%
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FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	(\$5,324.80)	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	(\$567.75)	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41
Nov., 1999	14	\$8,634.64		26	\$3,250.96	\$1,322.96
Dec., 1999	24	\$15,891.96		19	\$3,862.76	\$2,126.27
Jan., 2000	49	\$27,872.14		28	\$7,952.94	\$3,814.02
Feb., 2000	21	\$11,039.59		30	\$10,159.24	\$6,216.42
Mar., 2000	19	\$9,873.21		31	\$6,709.07	\$3,555.40
Apr., 2000	12	\$7,897.70		17	\$2,932.41	\$1,512.54
May, 2000	7	\$5,039.46	(\$293.60)	20	\$7,062.23	\$3,164.00
June, 2000	16	\$14,566.88		18	\$5,766.59	\$1,852.12

Total FY 2000	194	\$111,367.29	(\$6,186.15)	266	\$58,777.65	\$26,309.61	76%	137%
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FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

July, 2000	2	\$865.01		14	\$1,948.03	\$154.01
Aug., 2000	20	\$15,837.60		17	\$3,302.27	\$1,063.92
Sept., 2000	12	\$3,562.26		23	\$8,718.21	\$1,351.41
Oct., 2000	18	\$122,696.24		29	\$7,457.98	\$490.16
Nov., 2000	13	\$15,851.30		22	\$4,038.50	\$309.30
Dec., 2000	40	\$30,234.92		24	\$7,189.98	\$462.13
Jan., 2001	28	\$15,923.38		25	\$7,611.66	\$833.60
Feb., 2001	35	\$20,181.39		30	\$18,568.12	\$1,917.82
Mar., 2001	8	\$5,956.83		37	\$15,724.02	\$753.86
Apr., 2001	20	\$24,145.82		22	\$4,856.39	\$225.93
May 2001	4	\$1,677.36		20	\$3,700.77	\$313.58
June 2001	3	\$932.20		31	\$8,433.81	\$346.90

Total FY 2001	203	\$257,864.31	\$0.00	294	\$91,549.74	\$8,222.62	39%	145%
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FISCAL YEAR 2001-02

July, 2001	4	\$4,290.29		25	\$6,328.36	\$293.54
Aug., 2001	6	\$9,452.69		18	\$2,984.52	
Sept., 2001	0	\$175.00		25	\$4,157.32	\$66.29
Oct., 2001	15	\$6,439.06		18	\$3,174.66	\$67.32
Nov., 2001	15	\$5,913.63		24	\$3,932.41	\$194.66
Dec., 2001	36	\$21,868.88		20	\$5,384.19	\$502.17
Jan., 2002	56	\$27,650.44		38	\$11,100.99	\$1,008.09
Feb., 2002	27	\$14,211.31	(\$620.55)	37	\$20,017.87	\$861.63
Mar., 2002	8	\$6,765.68		36	\$10,061.89	\$419.16
Apr., 2002	20	\$11,296.19		19	\$2,196.02	\$49.33
May, 2002	3	\$30,852.57	(\$11,887.80)	27	\$8,265.67	\$538.72
June, 2002	3	\$8,636.08		23	\$3,418.15	\$87.91

Total FY 2002	193	\$147,551.82	(\$12,508.35)	310	\$81,022.05	\$4,088.82	58%	161%
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FISCAL YEAR 2002-03

July, 2002	8	\$6,915.26	20	\$3,308.14	\$111.90
Aug., 2002	12	\$11,943.66	24	\$4,010.98	\$47.33
Sept., 2002	6	\$1,944.83	19	\$4,624.36	\$85.25
Oct., 2002	24	\$12,167.99	25	\$7,131.20	\$442.95
Nov., 2002	21	\$11,013.41	27	\$8,688.51	\$624.99
Dec., 2002	32	\$15,763.99	23	\$7,660.18	\$689.95
Jan., 2003	58	\$32,391.55	22	\$7,149.09	\$562.34
Feb., 2003	33	\$18,426.48	40	\$13,988.00	\$1,122.57
Mar., 2003	13	\$3,668.17	28	\$9,342.76	\$643.57
Apr., 2003	16	\$5,661.77	23	\$3,004.29	\$269.02
May, 2003	11	\$5,801.24	20	\$5,252.90	\$293.69
June, 2003	11	\$6,700.71	24	\$6,907.49	\$224.85

Total FY 2003	245	\$132,399.06	\$0.00	295	\$81,067.90	\$5,118.41	65%	120%
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FISCAL YEAR 2003-04

July, 2003	7	\$1,742.90	17	\$3,502.99	\$30.27
Aug., 2003	13	\$5,254.98	16	\$3,131.76	\$126.78
Sept., 2003	13	\$15,161.55	17	\$3,797.61	\$285.74
Oct., 2003	14	\$14,153.21	24	\$6,084.13	\$188.45
Nov., 2003	17	\$7,594.12	18	\$4,500.13	\$245.00
Dec., 2003	45	\$22,244.61	23	\$8,965.74	\$702.59
Jan., 2004	32	\$17,609.03	22	\$7,016.24	\$685.11
Feb., 2004	19	\$10,856.76	38	\$14,262.81	\$1,133.21
Mar., 2004	17	\$14,927.35	32	\$11,840.30	\$647.13
Apr., 2004	15	\$7,481.48	19	\$4,666.57	\$284.61
May, 2004	13	\$4,300.96	19	\$3,608.61	\$228.47
June, 2004	4	\$31,164.87	24	\$6,629.45	\$249.47

Total FY 2004	209	\$152,491.82	\$0.00	269	\$78,006.34	\$4,806.83	54%	129%
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FISCAL YEAR 2004-05

July, 2004	3	\$29,750.20	13	\$1,343.60	\$62.86
Aug., 2004	8	\$3,706.10	18	\$2,880.20	
Sept., 2004	11	\$3,623.86	24	\$4,407.31	\$201.50
Oct., 2004	13	\$3,560.84	31	\$9,987.75	\$300.45
Nov., 2004	12	\$4,627.15	26	\$5,997.38	\$179.42
Dec., 2004					
Jan., 2004					
Feb., 2004					
Mar., 2004					
Apr., 2004					
May, 2004					
June, 2004					

Total FY 2005	47	\$45,268.15	(\$1,801.90)	112	\$24,616.24	\$744.23	56%	238%
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CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
CURRENT MONTH
11/01/2004 TO 11/30/2004

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	12	\$4,602.15
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	1	\$25.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	12	\$4,627.15
PAYMENTS	13	\$4,530.02-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	3	\$397.82-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	10	\$869.54-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	0	\$0.00
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	8	\$200.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	5	\$179.42-
OVERPAYMENTS	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$1,801.90-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	1	\$510.70
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:		
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/2004 TO 11/30/2004

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	47	\$44,443.15
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	34	\$825.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	47	\$45,268.15
PAYMENTS	53	\$19,775.74-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	9	\$1,386.88-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	24	\$2,054.08-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	2	\$699.54-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	29	\$700.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	26	\$744.23-
OVERPAYMENTS	4	\$0.94
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$1,801.90-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	1	\$510.70
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	1	\$1,438.37-
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	2	\$324.64-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	1	\$524.54-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	1	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	1	\$2,367.68-

FOOTNOTE:		
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$1,860.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
INCEPTION TO DATE
11/30/2004

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	4,891	\$3,428,172.57
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	504	\$13,125.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	138	\$58,209.82
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	4,891	\$3,229,641.94
PAYMENTS	3,357	\$781,721.71-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	44	\$10,240.18-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	108	\$36,887.25-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	40	\$28,010.71-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	266	\$6,850.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	2,332	\$266,952.71-
OVERPAYMENTS	148	\$360.38
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	74	\$12,888.01
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	18	\$46,057.55-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	6	\$7,291.24
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	8	\$45,896.70
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$61.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	3	\$55.00
CREDITS	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	21	\$6,881.15
CREDITS	68	\$40,584.10-
WRITE-OFFS	1,058	\$1,479,506.03-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	9	\$4,717.56-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	42	\$21,406.83-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	96	\$200,277.90-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	1	\$2,134.47-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	3	\$559.32-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	1	\$524.54-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	2	\$10,524.26-
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** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	282	\$366,110.83

FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	40	\$109,868.20 *
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AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	1	\$2,574.60
31 - 60 DAYS	9	\$13,607.24
61 - 90 DAYS	12	\$3,364.34
91 - 120 DAYS	11	\$5,044.85
121 - 150 DAYS	26	\$24,900.30
151 - 180 DAYS	13	\$1,055.35
181 - 365 DAYS	29	\$35,117.50
OVER ONE YEAR	75	\$62,543.79
OVER TWO YEARS	60	\$60,588.13
OVER THREE YEARS	1,077	\$769,155.71
		=====
** TOTAL AGING	1,313	\$977,951.81

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:		
CAN NOT BE INVOICED	7	\$2,578.51
CURRENT	4	\$1,221.14
1 - 30 DAYS	3	\$782.22
31 - 90 DAYS	4	\$1,334.35
91 - 180 DAYS	8	\$31,782.28
181 - 365 DAYS	29	\$24,063.74
OVER ONE YEAR	138	\$132,960.67
COLLECTIONS WITH PRIVATE COLLECTIONS FIRM:		
1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	84	\$82,877.82
AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:		
1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	5	\$88,510.10
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** TOTAL AGING	282	\$366,110.83

CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 12/01/2004

CURRENT MONTH

11/01/2004-11/30/2004

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	2	\$100.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	395	\$10,250.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	25	\$197.50
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
		=====
TOTAL DUE		\$10,547.50

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PAID IN FULL	132	\$9,624.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	7	\$387.50-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	0	\$0.00
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	2	\$146.00-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	1	\$4.00-
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
OVERPAYMENTS	2	\$8.00
REFUNDS	2	\$30.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	1	\$50.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	1	\$50.00-
NOT GUILTY	3	\$150.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	1	\$50.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/2004-11/30/2004

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	22	\$1,350.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	1,055	\$29,400.00
CREDITS	7	\$450.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	140	\$1,175.50
CREDITS	1	\$7.50-
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TOTAL DUE		\$31,468.00

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PAID IN FULL	1,195.	\$77,718.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	30	\$1,547.50-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	0	\$0.00
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	16	\$909.00-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	14	\$64.00-
WRITE-OFFS	1	\$0.50-
OVERPAYMENTS	4	\$9.50
REFUNDS	15	\$447.00
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$82.50
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	1	\$20.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	3	\$150.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	13	\$650.00-
NOT GUILTY	9	\$450.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	14	\$750.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
INCEPTION TO DATE
11/30/2004

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	115 431	\$5 962 482 07
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	34 579	\$878 921 30
CREDITS	8	\$12 066 00
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	2 032	\$16 433 25
CREDITS	1	\$7 50
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TOTAL DUE		\$6 845 763 12

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PAID IN FULL	71 557	\$3 870 700 82
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1 821	\$86 541 25
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	14	\$690 00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	33	\$345 00
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	380	\$23 170 53
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	338	\$1 396 00
WRITE OFFS	11 983	\$696 796 50
OVERPAYMENTS	200	\$4 298 36
REFUNDS	435	\$18 856 81
RETURNED CHECKS	79	\$4 207 50
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	76	\$1 235 00
CREDITS	170	\$141 88
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	259	\$15 200 00
CREDITS	46	\$2 600 00
VOIDS	5 788	\$291 750 00
NOT GUILTY	1 315	\$66 900 00
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	284	\$14 950 00
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	13	\$650 00
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	159	\$8 000 00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0 00
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TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$1 824 928 81

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CURRENT	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	0	\$0.00
31 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	500	\$38,605.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1,181	\$100,420.00
OVER ONE YEAR	14,597	\$1,059,557.84

COLLECTIONS WITH DEPT OF REVENUE:

1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	7,941	\$626,120.97

AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	3	\$225.00

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** TOTAL AGING	24,222	\$1,824,928.81
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AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

PREHEARING	4	\$200.00
0 - 90 DAYS	495	\$36,675.00
91 - 180 DAYS	703	\$59,505.00
181 - 270 DAYS	426	\$37,670.00
271 - 365 DAYS	326	\$26,550.00
OVER ONE YEAR	22,268	\$1,664,328.81

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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

DWIGHT LANDRENEAU
SECRETARY

2004-373

11/29/04

AMENDED AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission announces an amendment to the agenda for the next scheduled public meeting on Thursday, December 2. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in the Louisiana Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries Building at 2000 Quail Drive in Baton Rouge. The amended agenda is as follows:

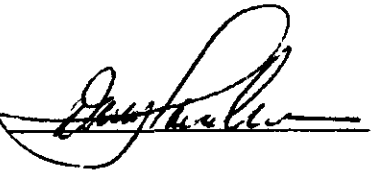
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EDITORS: For more information, contact Thomas Gresham at 225/765-2923 (tgresham@wlf.louisiana.gov).

November 29, 2004

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AMENDED AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

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Monday - Don
Discussion of
Compliance w/
Leg Act - media,
handicapped
children, etc.
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2004-363

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11/22/04

AGENDA SET FOR DECEMBER MEETING OF L.W.F.C.

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DWIGHT LANDRENEAU
SECRETARY

November 23, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: Dwight Landreneau, Secretary *D*
SUBJECT: December Commission Meeting Agenda

The next regular Commission Meeting will be held at **10:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 2, 2004**, in the Louisiana Room at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

The following items will be discussed:

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4. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/November

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

5. Rule Ratification - 2005 Turkey Seasons

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cc: Janice Lansing
Parke Moore
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Brandt Savoie
Bo Boehringer
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Ewell Smith
Division Administrators
Marianne Burke

November 23, 2004

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Verbal approval

received from

Bill Busbice

11/22/2004 - 10:49 AM

per 18, 2004 8:33 AM

m, Sue; Hanifen, Jim; Blanchet, Harry; Falcon, Susan
ommission item

:11 AM

en, Jim; Blanchet, Harry; Falcon, Susan

Subject: Marine Dec. Commission item

With your approval, Marine will have the following item on the Dec. 2004 Commission agenda:

Declaration of Emergency- 2004 Commercial Shallow-Water Grouper Closure - Harry Blanchet



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DWIGHT LANDRENEAU
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November 3, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-Office of Wildlife, Assistant Secretary-Office of Fisheries and Press Secretary

FROM: Dwight Landreneau, Secretary *(DL)*

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - **December 2, 2004**

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11/16/04

Dear Susan:
I have the following two items for the December commission meeting agenda:

- 1) Notice of Intent: Freshwater Shrimp, Commercial Harvest.*
- 2) Notice of Intent: Toledo Bend Reservoir, Uniform Harvest Regulations on Spotted Bass and Yellow Bass*

Thanks
Sincerely
Bennie Fontenot

C. John Roussel

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From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

*Maurepas Law -
suit Update -
(see Oct. wording)*

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Bylaws.
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nd month and word it the same. Should be something like Notice
something like Amendment of Bylaws.

From
Sen

To: Puckett, Don
Subject: December Agenda Items

Don, can you give me how the agenda item should read for amending the By-Laws. Also, should the wording for briefing the Commission on the Maurepas suit be the same as October--Executive Session?

Thanks,
Susan Falcon



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1) Turkey Season Dates NOI, final ratification



Falcon, Susan

From: Henry Mouton [henrymouton@star-service.com]
Sent: Friday, November 05, 2004 2:28 PM
To: Susan Falcom
Cc: Earl King; Bobby Samanie; Jerry Stone; Terry Denmon; Wayne Sagera; Keith Lacaze; Winton Vidrine; Bill Busbice; Dwight Landreneaux
Subject: LDWFC December Meeting Agenda Items

Susan,

I would like add a Discussion Items about brining back the DA Reports. Many years ago the Commission used to get a Monthly Report via Enforcement on Disposition of Cases by Various DA's. I think we need to start this again in that maybe the Commission could contact various DA's about pushing forward certain cases that our Agents have made.

thanks,

Henry



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**Check with Terry Dennon
on Delta Waterfowl presentation -
Dec or
Jan?*



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-Office of Wildlife, Assistant Secretary-Office of Fisheries and Press Secretary

FROM: Dwight Landreneau, Secretary 

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - **December 2, 2004**

Please write on the bottom of this memo and return to Susan Falcon by Thursday, November 18th any agenda items your office may have for the **Thursday, December 2nd** Commission Meeting to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive. This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on December 2nd. If you do not have anything for the agenda, please return memo and indicate so on the bottom of this memo. We cannot add anything to the agenda that requires commission action after we have published the agenda in the state journal.

Resolutions and Notices of Intent should be included with the list of items to be placed on the agenda. Thank you for your cooperation!

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